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Brezhnev tells Carter Soviet won't tolerate U.S. interference

MOSCOW. — Kremlin leader Leonid Brezhnev yesterday accused U.S. of interfering in Soviet internal affairs and said dissidents from Washington has supported were accomplices and agents of imperialism.

Clearly responding to President Carter's outspoken backing for the human rights cause in Communist countries, Brezhnev said further development of good relations was "unthinkable" if the alleged U.S. interference continued.

Pounding the rostrum as he spoke delegates at the 18th congress of the Communist Party in the Kremlin, the 70-year-old Brezhnev said that dissidents engaged in "anti-state activities" and continue to be dealt with under the law.



Leonid Brezhnev addressing the congress of Soviet trade unions in the Kremlin yesterday.

One of them is the ballooning of a slanderous campaign about the "human rights" issue, which is motivated by outright attempts by the American bodies to interfere in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union.

"I will repeat again," he said. "We will not tolerate interference in our internal affairs by anyone under any pretext. A normal development of relations on such a basis is of course unthinkable."

"The Soviet Union has always upheld and will uphold its sovereign rights, its dignity and its independence," Brezhnev added.

"The Secretary of State of the United States, Mr. Vance, is coming to Moscow for negotiations. I will see what he will bring with him," (Vance is due in five days.)

Brezhnev accused the U.S. of doing its best to overcome what he called "the Soviet Union's" in Soviet-American relations. He accused Moscow's opponents of inventing "the semblance of internal opposition" in communist countries, and asserted that in reality there were no oppressed classes or nationalities in the Soviet Union, he said.

There were, however, "megadons" who have broken the way by anti-Soviet activity and who try to support abroad "the people's demand that such a so-called public figures be treated as opponents of Socialism, as persons acting against their own Motherland, as accomplices, if not agents, of imperialism. Quite naturally we have taken and will take against them measures envisaged by law," Brezhnev said.

The statement appeared to be an ominous development for the Soviet Union's small but active group of "dissidents" — either those campaigning for civil rights or agitating for permission to emigrate, especially to Israel. A campaign of arrests recently appeared in particular to be directed against a group of liberals who are attempting to monitor Soviet compliance with the human-rights provisions of the Helsinki security accords.

"Washington's claim to teach others how to live cannot, I believe, be accepted by any sovereign state," Brezhnev stressed, "not to mention the fact that neither the situation in the U.S. itself, nor U.S. actions and policies in the world at large, give justification to such a claim."

But he ended his remarks about U.S.-Soviet relations on an optimistic note, saying: "We are convinced, of course, that the interests of the peoples of our two countries and of preserving universal peace will prevail." (Reuters, UPI)

INDIRA'S PARTY LOSES MAJORITY

NEW DELHI. — India's opposition Janata Party and its allies this morning won an absolute majority of parliamentary seats in India's general election, inflicting a humiliating defeat on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her Congress Party, according to latest results.

In the biggest election upset in India's independent history, opposition parties captured a majority of 272 seats out of the 542 in the new parliament.

Over 90 seats were still to be declared.

Mrs. Gandhi delayed resigning, but a spokesman said she was now expected to quit today.

Hours after her defeat was announced, however, Mrs. Gandhi revoked the harsh and unpopular state of emergency which she had imposed 21 months ago and which was largely credited for her downfall.

Mrs. Gandhi polled 122,517 votes to 177,729 for her rival, Raj Narain, a socialist lawyer, in her home district of Rae Bareilly, seemingly trying to rest her Party's slogan that "India is India and Indira is India."

Her controversial 50-year-old son Sanjay lost to 75,000 votes in a constituency adjoining hers. Both were defeated by Janata candidates.

Mrs. Gandhi, 59, once the most powerful woman in world politics, was said to be "cool, calm and composed" as she surveyed the wreckage of her hopes to stay in power.

The next few weeks are certain to be exciting for India as the Janata (People's) Party, largely an unknown quantity, struggles to find its feet after three decades of Congress Party rule.

The opposition leaders will not name a prime minister until Thursday, after three days of intensive discussions here. But 51-year-old Morarji Desai, its chairman and elder statesman, is expected to win the nomination.

The Janata Party and its principal electoral ally — the Congress Party for Democracy — will function as a single parliamentary group, Janata secretary-general Surendra Mohan told a crowded press conference here.

Mohan announced the Janata government's first task after taking power would be the complete dismantling of the authoritarian apparatus established during the past two years of emergency rule.

He pledged that the government would free all remaining political prisoners, repeal all laws containing restrictions on the press, remove bans on various social and cultural organizations prohibited at the start of the emergency, and ensure that no one is jailed without being brought to trial.

Mohan also said that all elected Janata parliamentarians and party leaders would be required to take an oath of conduct to avoid "all ostentatious living and all ostentatious expenditures." (AP, UPI, Reuters)

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Amin 'fan' holding hostages in Toronto

TORONTO (AP). — A man who said he was a "fan" of President Idi Amin held some 15 persons hostage in downtown Toronto bank yesterday and demanded a plane to take him to Uganda.

"I want to see my pal Idi Amin. I've never met the man but I'm a fan of his," said the man, who identified himself as Bob McClarkin, a Canadian, and said he was a mercenary in the Congo, now Zaire, in 1965.

Toronto radio stations broadcast his statements and police were in touch with him by telephone.



Followers of the Indian opposition Janata Party carry Raj Narain, the candidate who challenged and defeated Premier Indira Gandhi in her own constituency.

Cairo will pressure UN for PLO at Geneva

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Middle East Affairs Editor

Egyptian commentators last night indicated that Cairo will soon go ahead with its plan to press the UN Security Council into calling for PLO participation in a reconvened Geneva Middle East conference.

The Egyptians were attempting to transform UN General Assembly resolutions, which treat the Palestinian issue as a national case, into amendments to Security Council resolution 242 which governs the Geneva forum. The PLO stated on Sunday night that it would seek to attend forthcoming Middle East negotiations in line with General Assembly resolutions rather than the Security Council's resolution 242 which refers to the Palestinian case as one of refugees.

The commentators implied that Cairo was content with the PLO statement which was part of a communiqué issued by the Palestine National Council (parliament) at the end of a 10-day session held in the Egyptian capital. The communiqué stressed the council's endorsement of the PLO's adherence to a nine-year-old charter pledging to dismantle Israel. The communiqué also called for the escalation of PLO "military and political" activity inside Israel and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and another stressing the PLO quest to take part in all negotiations between Israel and the neighbouring Arab states.

It was not clear whether the Egyptian drive on behalf of the PLO would be launched before or after President Anwar Sadat's trip to Washington on April 4. Sadat conferred last night with PLO chief Yasser Arafat, but no details were disclosed.

The U.S. had earlier ruled out PLO participation in future Middle East talks unless the movement changed its 1968 charter which denies Israel's right to exist. Nevertheless, Arafat

is known to be pursuing communication with Washington against the backdrop of an "I trust Carter" declaration he issued following the American President's recent comment that Palestinian refugees were entitled to a "homeland."

Arafat yesterday told the French daily "Le Monde" that the Palestinians were ready to set up a state of their own "on any soil freed from occupation." He added that he always hoped that Carter would appreciate the Palestinian problem of "hunted refugees deprived of all national rights."

But the PLO's headline "Rejection Front" yesterday warned Arafat against any move which bears the ultimate notion of recognizing Israel de facto. Bassam Abu Sharif, the spokesman of George Habash's PFLP which champions the rejectionists, cautioned Arafat to adhere to Sunday's national council resolutions which he described as a triumph for the PLO's hawk.

Most Arab governments yesterday declined to comment on the Palestine National Council's declarations.

Kuwait's influential "al-Anba" daily issued a verdict saying: "The council failed to understand and assess the Middle East conflict." It said that the council further failed to deliberate the PLO's occasional indulgence in inter-Arab rifts.

Alon briefs Mart on Israel stand on PLO

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

Jerusalem's attitude to the PLO Council resolution was presented by Foreign Minister Yigal Alon yesterday to the seven European Common Market diplomatic envoys resident in this country.

The Mart likes to adopt a unified stand on extra-European issues and has of late shown a tendency to see a softening of the PLO terrorist movement's determination to destroy Israel.

Alon presumably told the West European representatives that the PLO Council's latest endorsement of the Charter confirms Israel's contention that there has indeed been no softening and that the terrorist movement cannot be treated as a possible partner for negotiations.

Speaking at an awards ceremony for outstanding workers at the Military Industries, Peres said the Palestinians hope that from a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza they could "hit at Israel until they achieve its total destruction. We do not plan to cooperate with such an effort, and it is important in what language the words are said: Arabic, English, American or Hebrew."

Swedish defence chiefs here

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Swedish Minister of Defence, Eric Krommark, arrived on Sunday for a visit, accompanied by several senior officers of his country's armed forces. They are due to leave today.

Strike to close all ports today

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 4,500 employees of the country's three ports are to start a general strike at 6.30 this morning to back their demand for a 12.5 per cent month increase. Only passenger ships will be exempted from the strike, which will effectively close down the harbours.

The action, already labelled "the strike to end all strikes" by observers, will cause immeasurable damage to the country's economy, affecting exports and production, unless the authorities can end it within a short time.

This will be the first total strike of all three ports simultaneously, and it represents the biggest challenge yet to the Government's labour and economic policies.

Almost immediately after the committees of the three ports decided at a meeting here yesterday afternoon to strike, the Ports Authority prepared to fight the strike in court.

Spokesman Yasse Bar-Masliah said that an application for injunctions against the committees will be filed with the labour court this morning. He said that the authority may also later sue the committees for any damage caused. "We shall take every legal measure at our disposal to assure the vital interests of the economy and our clients," he said.

Authority chief Yitzhak Rahav also immediately cabled the Histadrut trade union head Uriel Abrahamowicz, advising him of the gravity of the situation.

Abrahamowicz had asked the committees to meet with him tomorrow morning to discuss the situation. Abrahamowicz yesterday called on the works committees in the three ports to refrain from any action that would disrupt normal work.

A committee member told The Post that as the strike decision was taken on behalf of all the employees, he believed the authority would have to seek injunctions against every one of the 4,500 employees.

Informed observers feel that the strike may force the Government to take an unequivocal stand to prevent the economy grinding to a halt. Unlike the spate of strikes so far, it will be impossible to deal with the ports strike in a half-hearted way.

The strike comes at a time when all three ports are fully employed. It will particularly affect citrus fruit exports, now at their height. Every day 400,000 to 500,000 cases are being shipped, and this morning 18 freighters will be waiting outside Haifa and Ashdod ports for fruit loading, in addition to the half a dozen ships already being loaded inside the ports.

The secretary of the Shippers Council, Arish Meshulam, said that if the strike continued for more than a day or two, the country's exports would suffer. Exporters will have to stop sending goods to the ports, and production will be affected in the factories, he said.

The port workers explained their demand for an increase by saying that since they signed their new wage agreements, four months ago, big rises were granted to other groups of employees, making their own nine per cent rise meaningless. They too want to "fortify" themselves with higher wages against the big taxes the Government is likely to levy after the elections, he said.

Meanwhile, the 300 monthly paid employees at the Israel Shipyards here will start a two-day "vacation" this morning, to pressure for a new wage agreement meeting their demands. They announced that if the desired effect, they would follow with a five-day absence. The Labour Council opposed the action on the grounds that the negotiating process had not been fully utilized.

The yard's technicians, engineers and foremen are all paid monthly and their absence will seriously disrupt work.

U.S. says PLO meet didn't advance peace

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department spokesman said yesterday the decisions taken by the PLO in Cairo "do not contribute" to peace in the Middle East.

In reply to a question at the daily briefing, spokesman Fred Brown said: "We have said before that one of the difficulties is that the PLO has not accepted the existence of Israel or Security Council Resolutions 242 or 338."

"The decisions by the Palestine National Council have not altered the situation and therefore do not contribute to the resolution of the problem."

He added that the U.S. was "not discouraged" and was committed to seeking a peaceful settlement. He noted that consultations would be held here with Arab leaders in the next few months.

Begin inspired by Indian upset vote

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Likud leader Menachem Begin, taking his cue from the first opposition party success in India in 30 years this week, asked a meeting of the Abud faction of his bloc yesterday: "Why should one group of people always form the government? Why are they allowed to view the country as if it belonged to them? Even the Indians voted to change the government."

Syria reportedly has cancelled plans to withdraw part of her troops from Lebanon following the Palestine Liberation Organization's weekend vow to resist eviction from southern Lebanon and other areas in that country.

Lebanese President Elias Sarkis is scheduled to meet tomorrow with a four-nation Arab commission to discuss a prompt implementation of a 1969 Cairo formula limiting PLO activity in Lebanon.

Soviet leader has M.E. plan

MOSCOW (AP). — Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev set forth a Soviet Middle East policy yesterday that included Israeli withdrawal in stages the 1967 lines and the possibility of militarized zones on both sides of the lines.

In a major speech five days before a visit of U.S. Secretary of State Russ Vance, Brezhnev put Middle East issues among the most important issues to be dealt with by the major powers.

Offering the formula for the first time as a public proposal, Brezhnev said, "demilitarized zones, without lateral advantages for any party, should be created on both sides of the established borders, of course, with the consent of the respective states."

"Either a UN emergency force or observers could be stationed within these zones for some clearly stipulated period of time," he said.

His remarks came less than two weeks after President Carter's suggestion that Israel should be granted "defensible borders" that might be different from its 1967 boundaries.

Softening the original Soviet call for immediate withdrawal, Brezhnev said Israeli troops should be withdrawn to the 1967 boundaries, "in stages, of course, say, of several months." But a Western diplomat said his proposal of demilitarized zones offered room for negotiation.

Brezhnev also said a Middle East settlement should allow for "free passage for ships of all countries" (after the ending of the state of war) through the Straits of Tiran and the Gulf of Akaba.

Podgorny off to southern Africa

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet President Leonid Podgorny, declaring at Moscow that "speedy elimination of racist regimes," added for Tanzania yesterday on his first Southern Africa tour by a major Kremlin leader.

As Podgorny made a stop in the Soviet Central Asian city of Ashkhabad, Tass quoted him as saying the national liberation struggle was roading in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Namibia (South West Africa) and South Africa.

Podgorny's statement of support for black African nationalists was contained in a message to a meeting held at the United Nations to mark an international day for the elimination of racial discrimination.

With his tour of Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique, Podgorny apparently aims to assert the Soviet claim to a role in shaping the future of Southern Africa.

U.S. atom study advises: stick to oil, coal

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. could change its official thinking about nuclear energy and realize it is unlikely to become a crucial power source until well into the 21st century, a panel of leading scientists and economists said yesterday.

In a study funded by the Ford Foundation, the panel urged a de-emphasis on civilian use of uranium and said Americans could realize "that the world is not running out of energy."

The report said gas and oil, although declining in supply, will continue to be the U.S.'s largest energy sources through the end of the century. Beyond that time, coal will become the dominant fuel, it said.

The panel included former California Institute of Technology president Harold Brown, who is now U.S. Secretary of Defense.

In its 418-page report, the nuclear-energy policy study group said: "President Jimmy Carter should indefinitely postpone plans for reprocessing plutonium from spent reactor fuel, because the material can be diverted too easily by terrorists or for use in atomic weapons."

Development of the controversial U.S. \$12b. plutonium breeder-reactor programme should be postponed, and the prototype model to be constructed at Clinch River in Tennessee should be abandoned.

Security should be strengthened at existing nuclear power plants, because present safeguards do "not appear adequate to meet the potential threats of terrorism."

The Government should retain control of uranium-enrichment technology rather than sharing it with private industry, as former administrations have advocated.

Because supplies of uranium and other energy sources are greater than is normally realized, Washington should drop plans for recycling spent nuclear fuel and should bury waste in permanent deep-storage sites.

The study team, headed by Spurgeon M. Keeny of the Mitre Corp., said that "while nuclear power is one of the options that should be pursued, it is not as critical to future economic development as its advocates claim."

"Nuclear power is not crucial, at least not until well into the next century," it said, advising reliance on oil and coal.

The study opposed the reprocessing of nuclear fuel on grounds that terrorists could use it to make bombs and also that plutonium reprocessing would undercut international efforts to limit nuclear-weapons proliferation.

Many nuclear-power advocates see plutonium as the reactor fuel of the future, since it can be recycled from spent fuels or produced in large quantities from plutonium "breeder" reactors.

Current reactors, however, do not require plutonium or highly enriched uranium and use nuclear fuels which, unlike plutonium, cannot be used directly for weapons.

Although the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering a ban on the commercial, non-military reprocessing of plutonium, the study group urged President Carter to act on his own to defer reprocessing.

During his campaign, Carter vowed to "seek to withhold authority for domestic commercial reprocessing until the need for the economics and the safety of this technology is clearly demonstrated."

The study also said the plutonium breeder reactor, while sound in theory, should be considered only as "insurance" against a possible future energy-supply disruption and not pressed into early service.

The panel said in a preface to its report that it had set out to "take a fresh and independent look at the role that nuclear power should play in the U.S. and the rest of the world in this century."

"None of us had taken a strong position for or against nuclear power," it said.

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Eilat	15-21	17-23
Tiran Straits	16-22	18-24

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Belgian Ambassador Jacques Eggermont was made an honorary member of the Israel Defense Forces Association in Haifa yesterday. Mrs. Eggermont accepted the award on behalf of her husband, who was called away on official business. Mayor Yehoram Zeisel and Haifa District Representative Naftali Eilat attended the reception at the Nof Hacarmel Hotel.

Staying at the Acadia Hotel: Swedish Defense Minister Eric Strommark; at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv: film director Otto Preminger; at the King David Hotel: members of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University.

(Communicated) U.S. Consul Norman Singer will discuss U.S. citizenship at a meeting of the Jerusalem Region of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel tonight at 8 p.m. at Mosdon House, 9 Alkalay, Jerusalem.

Prof. S. Shmida will speak on "New Methods of Treating Drug Addiction" at the Jerusalem Lions Club, 8:30 tonight at the Jerusalem Hilton.

Edward Fleming, vice-consul at the Canadian Embassy, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Tel Aviv Branch of AACI, Wednesday, March 22, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting, which will also feature a showing of the film "Here in Canada," will be held at Beit Tabor, 7 Shulamit, Tel Aviv.

ARRIVALS

Yigael Yadin, distributor of "The Hebrew Weekly" in the U.S.

The following members of the Hebrew University's Board of Governors have arrived to attend the board's 29th annual meeting: from Germany, Mr. Monhe Bass; from Switzerland, Mr. Francois Leach; from the United Kingdom, Mr. Robert V. B. Dr. Solomon Gann; from the U.S., Dr. Max M. Kampelman; Prof. Martin Peretz; Dr. & Mrs. Henry Somers III and Prof. Michael Walker.

DEPARTURES

Michael Aviram, director-general of Amana, left for Paris to attend a conference of the International Association of Authors and Composers. Copyright Societies.

Katir in Etzion Bloc
Kfar Etzion (Itim). — President Ephraim Katir toured the Etzion Bloc yesterday and dedicated the new hall of the Har Etzion Yeshiva at Alon Shvut.

Prof. Katir started his tour at Moshav Elazar, a new settlement of professionals from English-speaking countries. He also called at the regional school and at Kfar Etzion, where he had lunch and visited the local museum.

Rabin to address HU Governors

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin tonight will address the opening session of the Hebrew University's 29th annual meeting of the Board of Governors. The opening ceremony, to take place in the Wise Auditorium on the Givat Ram campus, will be attended by President Ephraim Katir and also addressed by Board Chairman Sam Rothberg, University President Avraham Harman, and Rector Prof. Gidon Czapek.

Tel Aviv Museum to expand programmes

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Museum will expand its classes for children, increase the number of lectures for adults and sponsor more musical performances, the newly-appointed director, Marc Scheep, told the press yesterday.

In addition, the museum will be open nightly to 10 p.m. Currently, it is open only two nights.

The board of governors, headed by Mayor Shimon Lahat, will meet next month to discuss the budget and future development. This year's budget amounted to IL2m, to which the government contributed about 100,000 sheqels.

The board also scheduled for the next few weeks a show of Joseph Krumpholtz's photographs of gypsy life and Dan Reisinger's exhibition of "Design 77-78."

FOUR AUSTRALIAN rams of the Suffolk breed have been imported for breeding in the hopes of raising the local wool sheep.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our beloved

RICHARD STRAUSS

The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, March 22, 1977, leaving at 1:00 p.m. from Sanhedria for the Cemetery on Mt. of Olives.

The Family

DMC wants big parties to cut campaign costs

Labour charges DMC spends more than anyone

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Democratic Movement for Change yesterday proposed to the Likud and the Alignment that all three parties agree to reduce their election expenditures and waive part of the funds to which they are entitled under the Political Parties Financing Law.

Reciprocity would be the key here, Prof. Amnon Rubinstein told *The Jerusalem Post*. The DMC would go along with any arrangement the other two leading parties were prepared to accept.

But Yosef Sarid, head of the Alignment Information Bureau, said in response that "DMC has so far been the most extravagant of all the parties, and has spent twice as much as the Likud and the Alignment together. Amnon Rubinstein's suggestion to cut campaign spending is another, typical example of DMC's hypocrisy."

(Likud MK Zalman Shoval, at an airport press conference yesterday, also said the DMC image of a party seeking radical change was hypocritical. He said he had learned in Washington recently that a former executive of the United Jewish Appeal in the U.S. was soliciting funds these days for Yigael Yadin's party.)

Another leader of the Alignment election campaign, Dov Tzameret, said yesterday that it would be a good idea for the sources of the DMC's financing to be thoroughly examined. "The DMC's campaign budget is bigger than those of all the other parties combined, and its sources are shrouded in mystery," he charged.

Asked to comment on this, Rubinstein retorted: "Rubbish!"

The DMC had opened its books to the State Comptroller, Rubinstein said, and the great majority of its funds consisted of small contributions. The sources of the Alignment's funds, on the other hand, had never been revealed; and most of them had been mobilized according to the "Yadin system," he said.

Yesterday, a DMC advertisement that appeared in at least one newspaper took pride in the fact that 82 per cent of the party's members had voted in its internal elections. But the figure announced at last Friday's press conference by Prof. Yadin was "about 77 per cent." (The precise number of eligible and actual voters was not revealed.)

Asked to explain the discrepancy, Prof. Rubinstein said the figure of 82 per cent was incorrect. The advertisement had been prepared before the Friday press conference and was based on a different system of calculation, he said.

Mapam Knesset list omits the party's two ministers

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A Mapam committee which recommended the party's candidates for the Knesset yesterday failed to include its two ministers Victor Shemtov and Shimon Peres in its list.

The 21-member committee rejected MK Yehuda Yudin's bid for re-election and a similar bid by friends of MK Eliezer Ronen. MK Aharon Ebarat had announced earlier that he would not run.

The list will be presented to the party's 350-member central committee on March 31. Persons who were not nominated may present their candidacies there before the final decision is made.

Health Minister Victor Shemtov told *The Jerusalem Post* last night he had informed his party he does not want to be a minister, "but I said nothing more."

"I don't present my candidacy for any post," he said. "If the party does not nominate me, it's a sign it doesn't need me in the Knesset. If it needs me, it will nominate me."

Mapam's secretary-general, Meir Talmi, implied that the vote did not indicate non-confidence in Shemtov. Mapam will nominate its ministers at a later stage, he said.

Absorption Minister Shimon Peres told *The Post* his candidacy was not presented "with my own consent." The 72-year-old minister said he had reached the age in which Meir Ya'ari and Ya'acov Hasan also quit.

The party's nominations committee yesterday placed Ya'ari and Hasan in positions of honour at the end of the list.

The committee recommended who should be among the first seven likely to enter the Knesset. But Talmi and two other party leaders kept the results of this vote to themselves.

A party source said that MK Chayka Grossman and Talmi are likely to be among the seven.

Rabin blamed for Carter 'homeland' view

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Likud

MK Zalman Shoval said upon returning from the U.S. yesterday that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was to blame for President Jimmy Carter's statement supporting a "homeland" for the Palestinians.

Shoval told reporters here that people who had "first-hand information about the (Rabin-Carter) talks" said Rabin presented a clearer policy, it is possible that Carter would not have supported a "homeland" for the Palestinians. He definitely wouldn't have made that statement so shortly after the meeting with Rabin, the sources told Shoval.

Shoval refused to identify his sources, or to say whether they were American or Israeli.

SEE HOW THEY RUN

By Asher Wallfish



Labour is getting its big guns trained on the electorate at long last, according to a report from its national headquarters on Rehov Hayarkon yesterday. Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Defense Minister Shimon Peres, and Knesset Member Abba Eban have already agreed to make more than 30 major appearances in the campaign. Peres has also promised to find time three days a week, starting next week, to sit in the party headquarters to trouble-shoot wherever necessary. Yosef Geva, chief of election headquarters, announced that Alignment Ministers, Knesset Members, and key Histadrut men would each be assigned some branch to work with. "We're short of money," Geva said, "so we're using lots of volunteers in the branches. Our top men will have to volunteer, too."

Hardly a day goes by without news announced yesterday that he wanted a place on the Alignment list representing Labour. Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1919, Nevo's colourful career, before municipal politics, included three years as Jerusalem Brigade Commander, and consular posts in the U.S. and Canada. Nevo is a strong Rabin supporter.

Meanwhile Labour women got busy organizing to fight for representation in the Cabinet, the Knesset, the Histadrut central committee, the Jewish Agency and the Agricultural Centre in a novel "Jobs-for-the-girls" campaign. Mrs. David, chairwoman of the Labour women election headquarters, said the girls would have their own internal elections to see who would get which jobs.

In the Alignment, a group calling itself "Young Settlement Front" announced it was organizing to combat the inroads threatened by Shelli (the Eilat-Pa'el-Avner-Marcelino bloc) and the Citizens' Rights Movement in kibbutzim and moshavim. However, these vigilantes who want to save the cooperative villages for Labour would do well to watch the Democratic Movement for Change, which is said to have captured 40 per cent of the voting membership in one Eilat Valley kibbutz, traditionally known as a Labour stronghold.

Mapam claimed yesterday that 1,000 Arabs

CRM's contribution to the election campaign yesterday was some pictorial proof that its chief, Shulamit Aloni, spoke the truth when she claimed having visited the tents of Kedar, and that Mapam "with its colonialist system" was lying.

who formerly voted New Communist and other parties have decided to vote the Alignment ticket this time, because of its Mapam wing. The new supporters include intellectuals and key municipal men in Galilee and the Little Triangle, Mapam claimed.

Mapam's Dov Zakai, MK, told a youth audience at ZOA House that the Government should "agree to see invited to Geneva, Palestinian representatives who recognize Israel's existence, and are ready to disclaim terror as a way of solving the Middle East dispute."

The Likud did not bombard the public with a salvo of reports yesterday, as did Labour. However, Avraham Shechterman, MK, of the bloc's Herut wing, sent all members of the Herut Party's Central committee a statement of his

record and his plans, to win their support, so that they would put him in for another term. Shechterman described his service in the Seventh and Eighth Knessets (fewer than 10 years) as "relatively short."

Shelli's Uri Avnery accused the DMC yesterday of "squandering millions of pounds" whose source was even cloudier than Alignment and Likud funds. He was commenting on the DMC's call to the "Big Two" to cut their election outlay as a voluntary gesture. His colleague Sa'adia Marcelino called on two Sephardi groups allied with the DMC, which are said to be sore at not getting their leaders in top places in the election list, to join Shelli instead. "Oded and Lehana have been diddled by the Establishment capitalists in the DMC," Marcelino said.

Five factions sent speakers to a symposium yesterday on freedom of worship in Israel, at the Kedem reform synagogue in Tel Aviv. Minister Gideon Hausner (ILP) said there would be no freedom of religion here if non-Orthodox communities did not have freedom. Mordechai Winer (DMC) said his party would allow its MKs to vote according to conscience without a faction whip. MK Shulamit Aloni (CRM) said the Orthodox parties had used the status quo in religious affairs as a means of extortion.

Shoshana Billiga, head of the Women's Party list, told her key women from Jerusalem's distressed quarters that the former Black Panthers in various other lists talked about "the social gap," but didn't care a fig about "the gap between male and female in the family." She said the ex-Panthers should worry about "girls in trouble" not just "boys in trouble."

In Haifa, Tzviya Friedman, head of the Union of Victims of the Nazi Regime who said he was reluctant to head a list for the elections, suggested a campaign on behalf of reparations recipients by Holocaust survivors.

Charlie Riton of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, organized by the former New Communist Party with a sprinkling of ex-Black Panthers, came out with the saying of the day: "If you can't make peace with (New Communist Mayor) Rabin's Jewry in Nazareth, you'll never make peace with any Arab leader."

Couple sues builder for IL29,000

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A Ramat Hasharon couple filed suit against the builder of their apartment for IL29,000 in damages resulting from faulty construction.

Varda and Mordechai Ehrlich claim there are broken floor tiles, defective doors, cracked plaster, crooked walls and floors, electrical outlets scattered at various heights, and other faults in the flat they bought from the Weiss Building Company of Be'er Brak. They submitted to the Magistrates Court a report by engineer Ze'ev Yatziv, attesting to the defects.

The defence brief says the flat was built from good-quality materials and good workmanship. In denying the charges, the company also says the plaintiffs did not submit a list of repairs to be made at the end of the first year.

The Ehrlichs' suit was filed by lawyer Amikam Dardikman, who won IL44,000 in damages Sunday for another couple with similar problems, this time from Shikun Ovdim.

Frozen beef prices drop for Pessah

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Retail prices of frozen beef will be reduced for Pessah, according to agreement reached yesterday between the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and retail chain stores.

At Yehonah Supermarkets, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and north, prices will drop by IL4.30 per kilo. Briquet will sell IL2.90 per kilo, ribs for IL2.70, shoulder for IL2.90.

In Superols all over the country, prices will drop from IL2 to IL1.50. Briquet will be IL2.20 per kilo, ribs IL2.30, and shoulder IL2.30.

In Shekum stores, ground meat will be cut to IL2.30 per kilo. Roasts will sell for IL2.35.

Butcher shops associated with national trade union in Jerusalem will reduce frozen beef from IL2.50 per kilo, with the following kilo prices for the holiday: ribs IL2.25-IL2.30; ribs IL2.25-IL2.30; shoulder IL2.25-IL2.30.

Treasury rejects increased dollars for travellers

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Officials yesterday revealed that the Treasury had been considering a plan to allow Israelis to take more than the current \$450 limit with them when they travel abroad — but the Treasury finally decided against it.

The idea first arose last August in response to criticism of some aspects of the foreign currency allowance from a visiting delegation of the International Monetary Fund.

The suggestion would have permitted exporters to sell some foreign earnings on the open market to Israelis travelling abroad. Exporters now trade their dollars only with the Government.

Senior Treasury officials said yesterday that the idea was dropped because the State cannot afford to lose any foreign currency generated by exports.

Man jailed for bilking mourner

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A private ambulance driver was sentenced yesterday to three months in jail for a IL4,500 fine for defrauding customer out of IL500.

The man, Natan Miran, 34, of Yam, transported a body to the Kabir Institute for Forensic Medicine in December 1976. He took advantage of the grief of the next kin to collect IL500 which he said for burial services.

When the bereaved relative asked for a receipt, Miran faked a telephone number of the company worked for.

Magistrates Court Judge Yehoshua Gross, calling the "repugnant," also ordered the cused to return the victim's IL500.

Man seized at airport in bogus-antique case

TEL AVIV (Itim). — An Israeli who lives in Berlin was released on IL5,000 bail yesterday at the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court after he was arrested on arrival at Ben-Gurion airport on suspicion of selling bogus antiques five years ago.

Police told the magistrate they believe that the suspect, Avraham Glaser, made IL18,000 five years ago from selling bogus antiques he claimed were from the 17th and 18th centuries. The magistrate released Glaser on bail and denied him permission to leave the country.

Court order on colour TV casts

The High Court of Justice yesterday issued an order nisi against Communications Minister and Broadcasting Authority, giving the 60 days in which to show cause why they should not broadcast in colour programmes which are received in Israel in colour.

The order was issued at the request of Metz Televisions and Radio company, which manufactures Metz sets in Israel. Applicants claim the Broadcasting Authority uses special equipment to remove the colour from satellite broadcasts and imported films, so that it could transmit the programmes in full colour with special equipment.

The companies say the only reason the colour is removed from the broadcasts is to discourage purchases of colour TV sets, which they say is discriminatory and illegal. (Itim).

Tight security planned for W. Bank, Gaza

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tight security surveillance will soon be introduced in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to cope with expected waves of subversive activities, well-informed sources told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The Prime Minister's adviser on intelligence affairs, Yehoshafat Harkabi, yesterday noted that the Palestine Liberation Organization's pledge to escalate activities in the administered territories was one of the main resolutions passed by the Palestine National Council in Cairo on Sunday. He indicated that he viewed the pledge as an attempt to trigger anti-Israel violence in the territories.

The authorities yesterday detained several Arab students in Nablus for hurling stones at soldiers. Studies in several schools there were disrupted by unrest which coincided with the conclusion of the 13th session of the Palestine National Council. (The council endorsed the idea of dismantling Israel, but pledged to take part in political deliberations with the aim of establishing a Palestinian state in the meantime, presumably in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.)

Several West Bank notables approached by *The Post* yesterday declined to comment on the PNC's Cairo resolutions, saying they did not have enough time to study the full text.

But one person, who asked that his name be withheld, said he would rather wait for the Arab governments' reactions. "They decided that the PLO represents us. They should decide whether the resolutions will contribute to settling our political plight."

He added that he thought the PNC's resolutions had dimmed the recent prospects of the reinstatement of Jordan as a spokesman for the West Bank.

Supreme Court sets precedent in declaring Israeli extraditable

An Israeli businessman who was charged by the Swiss Government on charges of defrauding the Union Bank of Switzerland of 10m. Swiss francs (now more than IL26m.) in 1965 and 1969 was declared extraditable by the Supreme Court yesterday in a precedent-setting ruling.

The Swiss authorities first demanded the extradition of the businessman, Reuven Pesahovitz, in 1970. The Swiss had issued a warrant for his arrest on charges that he had obtained 10m. Swiss francs from the Union Bank of Switzerland on false pretences. Pesahovitz has in the meantime reached a settlement with the Swiss bank which announced it has dropped its criminal complaint against him. But the judges ruled that the Swiss bank's decision did not affect their ruling since "We do not know what weight such a statement has under Swiss law."

Pesahovitz was first declared extraditable by the Tel Aviv District Court in 1976. He appealed this ruling to the Supreme Court. His attorney, Elkayam Ha'etani, claimed that

T.A.U. faculty sign contract

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The junior and senior faculty at Tel Aviv University signed a collective work agreement with the university administration yesterday.

The agreement was based on the national pact initiated earlier this month by representatives of the universities, the government and the Coordinating Council of University Lecturers. Until now, the lecturers had refused to ratify the agreement because they claimed there were errors in it and because it did not meet all of their demands.

U.S. Nobel laureate wins Shkainal award

American molecular biologist and Nobel Prize winner Dr. Gerald M. Edelman yesterday received the Hebrew University's Rabbi Shkainal Memorial Prize in Immunology and Cancer Research for 1977.

7 factories to work in Ma'ale Adumim

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Some seven factories will start producing soon at the industrial zone built in Ma'ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, a delegation of the owners and prospective managers of the factories told Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday.

Machines have already been moved into four plants and the other three are now under construction.

Colonel dies of car-crash injuries

Post Military Correspondent
Aluf-Mishne Moshe Levi, chief of operations in the Southern Command, died at Sheba Medical Centre, Tel Hashomer, yesterday of injuries sustained in a car crash on March 10.

Aluf-Mishne Levi is the second Southern Command colonel to die on the roads in the past month.

One of Israel's top artillery officers, Levi, 43, came from Bulgaria in 1946. He served with the artillery until after the Yom Kippur War, during which he commanded an artillery brigade.

Levi was injured when the car he was driving hit an oncoming civilian

Lebanese, Druse art show opens

By YORAM HAMERANI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

and helped the Palestinians, he was against terror and was the first Arab leader to condemn the Kiryat Shmona massacre three years ago.

Kiryat Shmona mayor Avraham Aloni and the Military Governor of the Golan Heights, Sgan-Aluf Alida Dan, said the neighbourliness now existing could be an example for future peace in the area.

A Druse dance troupe from the Golan Heights and a dance group from R'melah entertained hundreds of Israeli and Lebanese Druse at the exhibition in the new compound of the Kiryat Shmona art school.

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The International Spring Dance Seminar of the Rubin Academy of Music, Jerusalem will take place on April 4-7, and not as erroneously published.

Local instant coffee may rise by 30-40%

By MARTHA MEISELS Jerusalem Post Consumer Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prices of local instant coffee may rise soon by as much as 40 per cent — but not before Pessah.

The assistant general manager of the David Mosevics, confirmed yesterday that his company will present a request for a price rise approval within the next few days to the Commerce and Industry Ministry. He said continuing rises in the world prices of raw coffee necessitate such a major increase.

Some shortages of instant coffee have already been felt on the local market, mainly in small grocery stores. Mosevics said this was probably the result of hoarding by shopkeepers and wholesalers, as well as some increased buying by consumers who have read about price rises on the news market. He expects that world prices will rise 100 per cent in the past two months, and stand at an average \$7,000 per ton of raw coffee, compared to \$2,800 one year ago.

Elite raised prices three months ago, and the company was bound by the government price control committee not to raise them again before the end of this month.

If a 30 per cent increase is approved, a 200-gram container of Elite instant coffee would cost the consumer IL2.12 including VAT, compared to IL2.40 today.

If a rise is authorized, other local brands are expected to follow suit.

So far, no shortages of coffee have been reported from supermarkets. Mosevics said that supermarket chains receive their supplies directly from Elite and its daughter company Leher, and he promised that steady supplies would be maintained at the present price levels at least until after the Pessah holidays.

Integration of Arabic shows in dispute at TV House

Background Report/ Judy Siegel

To separate or to integrate — that is the question confronting officials of the Broadcasting Authority studying an internal dispute over the future of Arabic TV.

The issue is between the 60 employees of the Arabic department who argue that they should be paraded from Hebrew programming and provided more resources, and TV director Arnon Zuckerman — who maintains that Arabic shows should be scattered throughout viewing time and not restricted to 90 minutes in one block.

The rift surfaced in January, when Salim Wata, director of Arabic programming, and Yosef Bar-Nir, director of Arabic news, complained to the Authority's board of directors "discrimination." The board decided unanimously to separate Arabic shows from regular programming and make Authority director-general Yitzhak Livni, rather than Zuckerman, directly responsible for them. They also appointed a three-man committee, composed of Authority chairman Yitzhak Livni, Yoram Yehonatan, and Yosef Bar-Nir, to propose ways of implementing their decision by March.

A member of the panel admitted to the Jerusalem Post yesterday that their recommendations would be somewhat delayed because of the complexities of the issue.

Arabic programme employees are incensed, however, when they learned of Zuckerman's position, made clear two weeks ago in an appearance before the committee. The TV director urged that the Arabic "lot" between 8:30 and 9 p.m. be dissolved, and that Arabic shows — with Hebrew translation — be broadcast throughout the evening, scheduled according to the same criteria as Hebrew shows (youth shows earlier and adult drama later).

The employees yesterday turned to the Jerusalem Journalists' Association, complaining that Zuckerman's plans would mean the dismantling of Arabic programmes. Zuckerman, they claimed, has been responsible for both Hebrew and Arabic shows but shown a "decided preference" for the former, reducing the budget and staff of the Arabic department in comparison with those in the Hebrew department. They explained Zuckerman's stand by asserting he "was hurt" that Arabic shows were removed from his aegis and transferred to Livni.

Zuckerman explained to the Post that integration of the two languages would be a step toward the integration of Israeli Arabs and Jews and encourage more Arabs to watch Israel TV in the late evening rather than switch to foreign channels. He insisted that he was not alighted by the decision to take Arabic shows out of his hands, maintaining that the separation of Hebrew and Arabic is "not practical" for a small TV station like Israel's.

New Herodian 'western wall' found

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH Jerusalem Post Reporter

Musdham Issa of Damascus, in the year 1212.

Seven years later, the same ruler destroyed what he had built. The Ayyubids, as part of a settlement with a Crusader force then battling in Egypt, agreed to turn over to Jerusalem and other cities regarded as holy by Christians. Before the Crusaders came to claim their prize, however, Al-Malik Musdham razed the city walls in order to leave the Crusaders exposed when they arrived.

The Crusaders were to regain possession of Jerusalem for just 10 years; and it would be 320 years, said Broshi, before the city was walled again by the Turks. Having been exposed to the elements for just seven years, before being buried in rubble, the inscription is still fresh and is still touched with red paint.

The point where the gateway was found is in a direct line with the Byzantine cardo (Fourth-Sixth Centuries C.E.) uncovered inside the Jewish Quarter by archaeologist Nahman Avigad. Broshi is convinced that the southern city gate of that period depicted in the Madeba map lies beneath the 13th Century gate he found.

The same site was chosen by modern-day city planners for the point where an underground vehicular tunnel beneath the city wall would connect the "Pope's Road" on Mount Zion with an underground parking lot to be developed beneath the large open space on the southern edge of the Jewish Quarter.

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"They suddenly converge on a man in the street, shower him with blows, drag him into a car, and disappear."

He is thrown into a cell, brutally interrogated, sentenced, and sent to an unrevealed location."

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At national rallies throughout the country, to be held on Sunday, March 27, at 6 p.m. with the participation of Government ministers, Knesset Members and public personalities give expression to your revulsion at this anti-Semitic barbarity and to your demands for increased aliya from Russia.

Additional details in the weekend papers.



A week-old zebra joins his extended family for a morning stroll in Ramat Gan's Safari Park. With a little help from his friends, the shaky colt manages to keep to the side of the road, ignoring passing cars and party-crashing camels. (Rivka Freiwald, IFA)

Kollek lauds growing spirit of tolerance in Jerusalem

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The achievement of peaceful coexistence between Jew and Arab in Jerusalem was the principal theme sounded yesterday by Mayor Teddy Kollek in a review of the municipality's accomplishments during the past 10 years of unification.

Opening the debate on the city's operating budget for the coming year, Kollek said that a growing spirit of tolerance had reduced religious-secular tensions in the Jewish community. "The same tolerance and good sense extended into inter-communal relations as well," he said.

Although most of the Jewish population derived from Moslem countries "and have no reason to love the Arabs," he said, it had shown great restraint despite terrorist provocations. The Arab population had likewise shown restraint, he said, even when the Egyptian army crossed the Suez Canal or Yasser Arafat mounted the UN's podium.

"The city had taken great strides in integration of schools in West Jerusalem and in reducing the tensions caused by social disparities. This resulted in a reduction in the city's crime rate," he said.

Kollek said the municipality's accomplishments would have been impossible were it not for the coalition embracing Labour, Likud and the religious parties. In the coming decade, Kollek foresaw the government giving Jerusalem, as the capital, more powers in education, welfare and other areas. He also predicted the municipality would rely more on local neighbourhood initiatives.

Likud Deputy Mayor Yehoshua Matza also praised the coalition but sounded a political theme at odds with Kollek's views. "A Jewish majority must return to the Old City as it has to the rest of Jerusalem," he said. Jews had in the past comprised a majority within the walled city but had been deprived of the land, said Matza. The Jewish Quarter, when it is completed, will have about one-tenth of the Old City's population and there are no plans for its expansion.

The IL27m. budget was approved 29-2. Opposing were the only non-coalition members, Shai Latif of the Independent Merchants and Eliezer Glaubach, Independent Liberal. Glaubach replaces Uri Huppert who resigned from the council in an unsuccessful bid for a Knesset nomination by the Democratic Movement for Change.

Police to study public relations

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Every policeman in Israel will attend a 10-day course on how to deal with the public, according to Nitzav-Mishne Meshulam Amit, head of the police training division.

The courses, which will begin next month, are aimed at fostering better relations between law enforcers and the public. The training will be conducted at regional centres in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Zichron Ya'acov. Other plans call for three-day seminars for lower ranks on such subjects as Jewish history and Zionism.

Another effort will concentrate on basic education for policemen. Some 850 police will study for matriculation next year, double this year's number, Amit said.

Mendel Mann to be reinterred at Tel Hai

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The remains of Yiddish writer Mendel Mann will be reinterred at Tel Hai on Sunday, March 27. Mann, who died in Paris on September 1, 1975, asked in his will to be buried in Israel.

The funeral service will be held at Kfar Giladi, where his only son lives. Born in Poland, Mann fought with the Russian Army during the Second World War and later lived in Israel, where he wrote "The Abandoned Village," a novel about a new immigrant.

He spent the latter part of his life in Paris, where he edited the Yiddish paper "Unser Wort." Mann's war trilogy, "At the Gates of Moscow," published in Hebrew in 1956, became a French best seller in 1962 and was translated into English in 1964.

Art college to open in Ramat Hasharon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT HASHARON. — A new art college, which will open here in September, will train some 500 students in drawing, sculpture, ceramics and graphics.

The college will be located in a recently closed school in the Morasha neighbourhood.

The fallen mountie gets his man

By ANTHUR KEMELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — A mounted policeman in not pursuit fell off his horse yesterday, but still managed to catch a 14-year-old boy suspected of committing 90 robberies and stealing IL200,000 worth of goods.

Rav-Pakad Joseph Sweed, commander of the Herzliya station, told The Jerusalem Post that Samal Yemin Matok, a mounted patrolman, was trotting through Herzliya Pituh when he sighted two youths on Rehov Daniel behaving suspiciously.

Dismounting, he approached the boys, and as he drew near one ran away. Matok collared the other youth. Matok thought the boy's bulging pockets were filled with sunflower seeds, but a search revealed they contained some IL25,000 worth of jewellery.

Then the boy broke away. Matok quickly mounted his horse to pursue him, but the horse stumbled, and he was thrown and injured slightly.

A woman who had been watching the action from a nearby apartment immediately telephoned the police, who dispatched a patrol car. While officers in the patrol car searched for the youths, a police sapper who had also answered the call for assistance offered to take Matok to Magen David Adom. On the way the two drove past the Acoadia Hotel, where they saw the boy waiting for a bus to Tel Aviv. Matok jumped out and grabbed him. The boy later admitted committing several robberies.

He evidently had had trouble with the law previously and had been placed with a foster family in the Sharon region, which provided him with a room and even pocket money. When the police searched the room, they found hidden away, a 9mm. pistol, 35 watches, tape recorders, coin collections, jewellery, and other items.

Rav-Pakad Sweed said that the loot nearly filled a jeep.

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Sinai border crossings to resume tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Normal Sinai border crossings between Egypt and Gaza will resume tomorrow, after a lapse of almost three months.

Egyptian officials had been denying the crossings on the basis of World Health Organization reports of cholera in the Gaza Strip from last November. But Roland Desmaux, head of the local Red Cross, met with Cairo Red Cross representatives last week at a point near Abu Rodels and was told the Egyptians had given the go-ahead for resumption of the trips.

Desmaux told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that almost 500 people are registered in Gaza and another 450 in Egypt to make Wednesday's crossing. It is expected, however, that only 50 to 60 per cent will actually travel, as some have already made the trip by other means.

A second trip has already been scheduled for March 30.

URI YAFFE of Kibbutz Maor Haim has been elected chairman of the Beit She'an Valley Regional Council for a third term.

To: The Israeli Who Cares

From: The Democratic Movement For Change

Subject: Israel and The Diaspora: Immigration and Absorption

It is the mission of Israel to provide a homeland for the Jewish people; a secure home for an independent, united, and creative society; a central focus for the cultural and spiritual needs of the diaspora.

In actual fact:

Immigration is declining. Emigration is increasing. Many of the Jews who leave Russia on exit visas for Israel never arrive here. The Government's solution to the problem? More committees, more offices, more positions, more embassies, more overseas trips. We recommend a different approach and a new direction.

Partnership and Responsibility

The representatives of Zionist organizations and Jewish communities throughout the world must be responsible partners in the formulation of Israel's external image and internal way of life. We must not be content with financial aid. Representatives of fund-raising organizations in the diaspora must be consulted regarding the use of funds.

Jewish Education

The Jewish and Zionist commitment must be based on a sound knowledge of Jewish history, an understanding of and familiarity with traditional values, the study of Hebrew as a living language, and the personal experience of daily life in Israel. Jewish education in the diaspora must emphasize the obligation of every Jewish family to visit Israel and of every Jewish youth to spend a year either working or studying in Israel.

Zionist education in Israeli schools must emphasize the fact that Israeli youth is an integral part of the Jewish people and shares responsibility for the continued existence of this people throughout the world.

What is our attitude to immigrants and liaison with the Diaspora?

We would cancel all duplication in the immigrant absorption set-up, and establish a single authority to coordinate the treatment of immigrants at all levels: housing, employment, professional retraining, and so on. We would put an end to the political nature of the existing framework for liaison with the diaspora. People with the right qualifications and not people with the right connections would fill the posts of emissaries and absorption officers.

We would ensure that independent elective immigrant organizations are freed from political considerations, to play a central role in the process of social absorption.

We would grant immigrant rights in accordance with defined criteria, based on a discrimination between the needy and the wealthy, and with no discrimination against veteran citizens of Israel.

We would streamline the immigration and absorption process, from the first contact in the diaspora to final absorption in Israel.

We would simplify bureaucratic procedures, and lessen the dependence of the immigrant on the government clerk. We would place immigrants in the hands of special teams, chosen for qualifications which would favour the success of immigrant absorption, awareness of the purpose of immigration and absorption, knowledge of the mother tongue of the immigrant, and understanding of and sympathy with the special problems of the immigrant.

And above all — We would create a new social and economic regime in Israel

We would free all citizens from overpowering bureaucracy; establish rental housing; encourage worker mobility (as described in previous notices); encourage free enterprise; and ensure genuine democracy of the type known to western Jews and envisaged by Soviet Jews.

We would turn Israel into a more attractive country — a country which would encourage immigration rather than emigration. These are only some of the principles included in our programme dealing with the question of immigration and absorption. The entire programme will be presented to the elected bodies of our movement for ratification.

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Saban, 61 Rehov Rothchild, Petah Tikva; Shalem, 36 Rehov Kugel, Holon; Beaven Fimbas, 4 Rehov Montefiore, Holon; Meoded 61/4 Rehov Godwin, Givatayim; Bahar, 84 Rehov Dor, Rishon LeZion; Guma, 58 Rehov Yitzhak Sade, Tel Aviv; Fishman, 11 Rehov Hasharon, Holon; Nehama Avraham, 10 Rehov Rabbi Akiva, Rehovot; Bahse, 128 Rehov Hillel, Tel Aviv; Ronit, 24 Rehov Hata'as, Givatayim; Somech, 12 Rehov Sokolov, Ramat Gan; Hoshana, 6 Derech Hata'asim, Bnei C, Tel Aviv; Shalom, 6 Rehov Shenkin, Rishon LeZion; Haggi, 18 Rehov Amichai, Ramat Gan; Bar Haim, 8 Rehov Shimon, Tel Aviv; Samia, 27 Rehov Shenkar, Holon; Samot, 138 Rehov Harosh, Ramat Gan; Ben Porat, 10 Rehov Hata'asim, Ramat Gan; Giller, 5 Rehov Ein Yehav, Holon; Shira, 133 Rehov Rothchild, Petah Tikva; Mashakia, 12 Rehov Eppner, Givatayim; Merkado, 4 Rehov Hata'asim, Bat Yam; Levinson, 2 Rehov Even Sapir, Petah Tikva; Barig, 6 Rehov Haim Vital, Tel Aviv; Lashner, 24 Rehov Hata'asim, Petah Tikva; Tivuh Ramit, 45 Rehov Frischmann, Tel Aviv; Kofira, 7 Rehov Herzog, Holon; Tivuh Mahalutim, 1 Kikar Hama'asavot, Tel Aviv; Marila, 27 Rehov Shalom Hamelech, Tel Aviv; Morosid, 48 Rehov Yirmiyahu, Tel Aviv; Kadari Furniture, 6 Rehov Cereah, Jerusalem; Mechoh Shuli, 5 Rehov Hahavazelet, Jerusalem; Hahali, 10 Rehov Pri Hadash, Jerusalem; Aharon Cohen, 14 Rehov Hahatulin, Pardes Katz; Lavi, 36 Rehov Trumpeldor, Petah Tikva; Joseph Berger, 43 Rehov Mamari, Givatayim; Dr. Amrikhan, 126 Rehov Ahuva, Raanana; Joseph Shvili, 3 Rehov Hashomer, Ness Ziona; Naveh-14, 61 Rehov Sokolov, Ramat Hasharon; Cohen Brothers, 17 Rehov Hahagana, Petah Tikva; A. Shitron, 12 Rehov Aksharot, Ramat Gan; Ben Yehuda, 18 Rehov Givati, Bat Yam; Gelfin, 19 Rehov Hamitalem, Kfar Saba; Magen, 13 Rehov Hagra, Neot Akko; Holon; Yehuda, 32 Rehov Mikve Yisrael, Tel Aviv; Neuhauer, 1 Rehov Goldberg, Petah Tikva; Flatek, 10 Rehov Leah, Neot Akko; B. Kohn, 12 Rehov Hameleah, Hod Hasharon; Kestler, 1 Rehov Haheshet, Kiryat Shalom; Brenner, 10 Rehov Ben Sarouk, Tel Aviv; Hahamim Hahashuri, 24 Rehov Hahatulin, Holon; Yitzhak Eitzi, 10 Rehov Feinberg, Tel Aviv; Barak, 18 Rehov Mod'lin, Ramat Gan; Meitzi, 24 Rehov Rambam, Petah Tikva; Yehoshua Meishe, 9 Rehov Shitrit, Petah Tikva; Gold, 1 Rehov Abshalom, Rishon LeZion; Lavi, 4 Rehov Mikve Yisrael, Holon; Shikovsky, 18 Rehov Harosh, Ramat Gan; Tashar, 18 Rehov Hahatulin, Bat Yam; Asad, 38 Rehov Yirmiyahu, Holon; Cohen, 16 Rehov Tcheinov, Tel Aviv; Akiva Sandroy, 7 Rehov Haral, Netanya; Dina Cohen, 8 Rehov Hagvaot, Ramat Yosef, Bat Yam; Golan, 32 Rehov Shemesh, Tel Aviv; Yisrael Ben Yasur, 18 Rehov Hama'asim, Bnei Brak; Avraham Kober, 9 Rehov Shvamin, Rehovot; Yashov Bar On, 8 Rehov Keren Kayemet, Kiryat Shalom; Shoshana Shalev, 31/128 Rehov Katan Mikas Ashdod; Gil Hahayya, 31 Hahayya, Yosef, Tel Aviv; Yehoshua Zohar, 22 Rehov Hayitza, Ramat Gan; Aharon Ertich, 8 Hahayyim Square, Tel Aviv; Bardai, 61 Rehov Yehuda Halevi, Tel Aviv; Hershkovitz, 14 Rehov Carlebach, Tel Aviv; Adv. Eshel, P.O.B. 4038, Tel Aviv; Avi Cohen, 2 Rehov Haharek, Jerusalem; Hahamim family, 24 Rehov Tel Ghorlin, Holon; Shalom Polik, 146 Malcha, Jerusalem; Shmuel Amir, 39 Rehov Beit Vegan, Jerusalem; Yashov Verna, 3 Rehov Tchernichow, Jerusalem; David Karyo, P.O.B. 7008, Tel Aviv; Elhanan Shoshana, 14 Rehov Nili, Jerusalem; Hahatulin, 36 Rehov Hahar, 19 Ganim A, Jerusalem; Amel Shosh, 43 Rehov Hahatulin, Hata'asim; Hahatulin, 16 Rehov Herzl, Tel Aviv; Shalom Shimon, 13 Rehov Mordechai Hefetz, Petah Tikva; Shalom El-Mikva, 12 Rehov Bar Ilan, Bat Yam; Giora Yitzhaki, 16 Rehov Hahatulin, Holon; Haham Hahatulin, 46 Rehov Teiber, Givatayim; Gottfried, 8 Rehov Dan, Ramat Hasharon; Mas, Tzameret Hahatulin, 7/14 Rehov Hahatulin, French Hill.

Castro: No Cubans in Zaire force

MAPUTO, Mozambique. — Cuban leader Fidel Castro arrived here yesterday for a previously unannounced round of talks, after denying that Cuban troops were involved in the current invasion of southern Zaire.

Castro made the statement about Zaire in a news conference at the previous stop on his African tour, the Tanzanian capital of Dar es-Salaam. Foreign correspondents were barred from the conference.

His arrival here came as puzzled Zambian officials, who had set up a grandstand and sent a guard of honour to Lusaka airport, were trying to figure out where he was. "He asked to come and we gave him the go-ahead but that's the last we've heard from him," a Zambian official said.

The official Tanzanian radio, reporting the Dar es-Salaam press conference, also quoted Castro as saying that Cuba will not play a direct military role against the white minority government in Rhodesia.

Castro's lengthy African visit, coinciding with this week's tour of Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique by Soviet president Nikolai Podgorniy, has heightened Western apprehension that the Communists plan to take a more active role in the region.

The Zaire government has strongly indicated that some of the 10,000 Cuban troops still stationed in Angola are leading the 5,000-strong force currently sifting through Zaire's southern province of Shaba. But Castro strongly denied this.

He called the fighting "an internal problem of Zaire," and accused Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko of using it as an "excuse for getting millions from the Yankee imperialists and European neo-colonialists."

In the fighting yesterday, Zaire airforce planes bombed invading Katangese forces in the Shaba town of Dilolo, the Belgian radio reported.

The radio said one of the planes had been hit by Katangese ground fire but managed to land safely in Kowwe, now the headquarters of the Zaire army for the Shaba operations. Dilolo stands on the Angolan border. It was the first town taken by the invading Katanga gendarmes when they crossed the border on March 10. (Reuters, UPI, AP)

JDL rally at Hanafi HQ

WASHINGTON. — Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, on Sunday warned the Hanafi Black Muslims that if they ever take over another Jewish building as they did the B'nai B'rith international headquarters here on March 3 "the JDL will use the same kind of violence against you."

Kahane made the threat at a rally in the rain of 100 JDL members across the street from the Hanafi headquarters here, which was guarded outside by one Hanafi member. Three rows of policemen kept order, and there were no incidents.

Kahane also warned that Hanafi leader Hamid Abdul Khaalis, who is free without bail, will never be certain of his safety again. Meanwhile, nine of the 12 Hanafi men charged with armed kidnapping in the 38-hour siege were scheduled to appear yesterday in District of Columbia Superior Court for preliminary hearings. Khaalis's preliminary hearing is set for Thursday. (AP, JTA)

IN BRIEF

Work and mourning schedule in Congo

KINSHASA (AP). — A special daily schedule combining work and mourning has been decreed for the People's Republic of the Congo until after April 2 when the assassinated Congolese president, Marien Ngouabi, is buried. Brazzaville radio announced on Sunday night.

The 11-man military committee which took over the Congo following Ngouabi's death last Friday decreed that except for hospitals, pharmacies and food stores, people would work only in the morning. Afternoons would be devoted to mourning, the radio broadcast monitored in neighbouring Zaire said.

UK ports strikebound

LONDON (AP). — A one-day wildcat strike by longshoremen yesterday closed or slowed down most of Britain's major ports. The ports hit by the strike included London and Southampton in the south, Avonmouth and Liverpool in the west, the inland canal-served port of Manchester and the eastern ports on the River Humber and Clydeside in Scotland.

Labour union leaders said 25,000 longshoremen were on strike. The dockworkers were protesting against a local government decision to close the municipally-owned Preston docks in northwest England.

'Coffee shortage' denounced as hoax

NEW YORK (AP). — A U.S. congressman who returned from Brazil on Sunday said there is no worldwide coffee shortage and people are being duped if they think there is.

Representative Fred Richmond of New York State said he found "rigged" Brazilian coffee production figures and no shortage. He said people were "being taken with malice aforethought by a government which wants to keep itself in power by keeping a positive balance of trade for this year."

SEIKT. — The U.S. Navy is thinking of shifting its Persian Gulf base from Bahrain to the island of Masirah, off the coast of Oman.

OWEN. — British Foreign Secretary David Owen will arrive in Cairo on April 27 for talks on the Mideast situation, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry said yesterday. (Owen is expected in Jerusalem early in July.)



ARMS AID. — Cuban leader Fidel Castro hefts a spear — traditional African gift to a warrior — given him by pupils at a Tanzanian agricultural school on Sunday. (AP radiophoto)

Paris win only bright spot for French centre

PARIS. — Final results yesterday showed that a Socialist-Communist alliance had won control of 47 per cent of France's big cities in runoff municipal elections on Sunday — gaining votes on a scale that could bring it to national power in parliamentary voting next year.

But in Paris, a moderate stronghold, the ticket of former Gaullist premier Jacques Chirac captured 59 city council seats to 40 for the Left. This assured Chirac of election by the council as the first elected mayor of Paris in 106 years.

In the runoff election following the preceding Sunday's first round vote, the leftist alliance won 27 big cities previously controlled by officials loyal to the parliamentary majority of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

After the two rounds of voting, the Left now holds 156 of France's 221 cities with populations exceeding 30,000. It also won, according to state

television tabulations, 51 per cent of the popular vote compared to 47 per cent for the parties backing the national regime.

The Socialists will control 82 cities, the Communists 71 and non-affiliated leftists three. Of the cities in which moderate and conservative incumbents were defeated, 41 went to the Socialists and 18 to the Communists.

"It's an incontestable success for the Left," said Premier Raymond Barre. "The (national government) majority suffered from its internal divisions."

The Gaullists, biggest group in the three-party ruling coalition, were delighted with the performance of their driving young champion. But Chirac's victory was Giscard's loss, as the latter's hand-picked candidate for mayor, Industry Minister Michel

de Cernan, was beaten in the second round vote and his list of candidates was far less successful than that of the Gaullist chief. (AP, Reuters)

Andreotti may quit over inflation

ROME. — The life of Italy's 39th post-fascist government was at stake yesterday with Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti trying to win backing for unpopular anti-inflation measures.

He planned to meet the leaders of the parties, including the Communists, which kept his minority Christian Democrat government in office for nine months by abstaining on key votes in parliament.

Andreotti has made it clear that he might resign if they and the other parties rejected his economic package.

The stiff austerity measures were

announced as part of the terms under which the International Monetary Fund agreed to grant Italy a \$300m. loan. Rejection of the measures could have dire consequences for the economy and — in view of recent student riots — public order.

Some Christian Democrats, hoping that the Communists would support because of their support for the government, were believed to want a general election.

The Communists have not yet indicated whether they would be prepared to accept the IMF loan terms. (Reuters, UPI)

Pakistan's top opposition leader won't leave jail

RAWALPINDI (UPI). — The top opposition leader refused to leave jail yesterday after Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto ordered his release following days of bloody rioting.

Asghar Khan and three other leaders of the Pakistan National Alliance (PNA) were told they were free by the government on Sunday following Bhutto's latest offer for talks to end the nationwide violence stemming from opposition claims of poll rigging in the March 7 national elections.

Khan was awakened by jail authorities. Informed of his release and told that PNA President Maulana Mufi Mehmud wanted to meet with the four for consultations. But Khan refused to be released.

Khan has maintained he will not accept anything except Bhutto's resignation and the scheduling of new elections. The newly-elected national assembly is scheduled to meet on March 26. The PNA has urged its elected members to boycott the meeting.

The three others freed left the jail and headed for Lahore.

In response to opposition charges of "massive rigging" in the national elections and demands for new polls, Bhutto said: "I have already put into motion a process which will accelerate the removal of any complaints backed by evidence."

Aegean tense as Greeks, Turks begin manoeuvres

ANKARA (Reuters). — Turkey yesterday started long-planned military manoeuvres in the Aegean and Mediterranean amid renewed tension with Greece which began its own manoeuvres at the same time.

Warships and aircraft were taking part in the annual Turkish training exercises which also covered the Sea of Marmara. The general staff announced the week-long exercises had started and live ammunition would be used.

Authoritative sources in Athens said the Greek manoeuvres had long been planned and were not a reply to the Turkish exercises.

But Turkish sources said advance announcement of manoeuvres — including precise locations — was normal practice, and they had not known about the Greek exercises.

The Greek manoeuvres were reported to be set for the western Aegean, which could keep them away from Turkish vessels. But the simultaneous exercises heightened renewed tension.

The new friction could endanger talks between the two countries on

resolving disputes on Aegean space and rights to the min wealth on the seabed.

Turkish manoeuvres in the Aegean waters of the Aegean islands bound to cut off Greek islands off the Turkish coast. There are 3,000 Greek islands in the Aegean and many are within 45 km of Turkey's coast.

Turkish sources have long claimed that Greece has for some of the islands, steps which say have violated post-World War II demilitarisation agreements.

Yesterday's developments brought relations between the two sides to their most strained point since a Turkish research explored the Aegean for oil summer and intensified their dispute over mineral rights.

Greece protested against the plans for manoeuvres over a ago. Turkish Premier Sulay Demirel said there was no cause for Greek uneasiness, but manoeuvres — which were annual training exercises — go ahead as planned.

They end on March 24.

Severe drought threatens China's summer harvest

PEKING (Reuters). — China has called an emergency conference on its worsening drought situation and appealed for an all-out effort to save the vital summer harvest.

"The People's Daily" yesterday reported that the state council had organised "an emergency telephone meeting" to discuss anti-drought measures and the future of the North China wheat crop.

A state council circular called for immediate action against the drought, the official newspaper said. It declared that "the present drought is extremely severe in areas along

the Yellow and Hual Rivers and number of places in North China."

"Many places had no rain or for half a year," the news stated. "It is greatly threatening growth of summer-harvested crops and spring ploughing and sowing."

The front page report quoted Premier Chen Yung-kuei, agricultural expert, as having the conference that China was put to test by the "God of weather" and people should "harder as the drought gets worse until the God of the weather yields."

China stems population tide

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP). — China has stemmed its population problem by strict birth control and compulsory sterilization, a St. Paul doctor said after a three-week visit to mainland China.

Dr. Jane Hodgson, who was a leader in the struggle for legalized abortion in the U.S., said the Chinese have made remarkable progress in birth control, abortion and the control of venereal disease.

Hodgson, a specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology, said birth control programmes in China have reduced the birth rate from 34 to 14 per 1,000. She said the programmes were begun in 1958 in an effort to stem the enormous Chinese population, now unofficially estimated at more than 800 million.

Part of the programme has included rigid moral standards, strict use of birth control devices and the abortion of pregnancies that result from "human error" or faulty birth control devices.

"In China, it's assumed a woman won't marry before age 25 and before 28," Hodgson said. "When women get their first pelvic examination and first contraceptive."

The contraceptives are often distributed by commune leaders, local political leaders are responsible for making sure we have Pap smears for cancer detection.

Hodgson said Chinese families now average two children, an woman is expected to wait two years after being married before becoming pregnant. She also is expected to wait another two years before having her second and last child.

"After that women are sterilized," Hodgson said.

Hodgson said she was told women who get pregnant before marriage are "given free abortion and enrolled in a re-educational programme." Out-of-wedlock pregnancies and illegitimate births are rare, she was told.

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WHAT IS so bad about heart disease is that it is increasingly killing the young and the middle-aged. Unfortunately the growth rate of coronary fatalities is proportionally higher in the younger age-groups than in the older people die of it.

Dr. Michael F. Oliver, Reader in Medicine at Edinburgh University, and The Jerusalem Post.

Professor Oliver, who practices at Edinburgh's Royal Infirmary, is a leading specialist on coronary diseases, and came to Israel to deliver the first annual Griffiths Lecture, established at the Technion's Medical School by the Physicians' Support Group of Los Angeles. He lectured on the continuing challenge of coronary heart attacks.

During the past 20 years, he said, there had been a relatively greater increase in coronary fatalities in the 45 to 49 age group than in the older group of 65 to 69-year-olds.

Dr. Oliver, who has published books and papers on the subject, has reached the conclusion that "there is undoubtedly a genetic component involved which, when exposed to a hostile environment, is the combination that may bring about an attack."

Asked how he defined a "hostile environment," he said, "everything that goes with affluence when you can afford to smoke more than is good for you, drink too much alcohol, eat too much animal fat and have a car that will brake your physical activity." Unfortunately, all these adverse components which tend to act on genetic susceptibility often interact. The people who eat, smoke and drink too much are also the people who are typically inactive, he noted.

Dr. Oliver was a member of a



Avi's dresses for younger misses.

— and his designs unfussy and easy-going. Prices of the dresses were between IL290 and IL490.

Avi sees the summer as "folkloric" — peasant prints; or geometric — stripes, or bold, solid blues and reds with contrast binding on pockets, sleeves, cuffs. He has also gone in for the popular army look which swept Europe, khaki safari suits with buckles and button-down-the-front shirt-tops.

An imaginative "exclusive to Avi" design is a dress made of a combination of cotton poplin skirt with tulle top, the pockets and shoulders in contrast poplin again. This comes in red or black, at IL350.

The themes, all by house designer Varda Marcus, are repeated in Avi's firm for children. Here, a dress for an eight-year-old costs about IL450, roughly the average for children's clothes. Why are his children's dresses proportionally more expensive, when his clothes for their mothers are downright cheap? Because the work that goes into a child's dress is virtually the same as goes into one for an adult — the only saving is in the fabric.

The Avi girl models looked happy in their uncomplicated, useful clothes, cut with plenty of room for movement, and no frills, bows or lace. A good way to get a girl out of jeans and into a dress for a change.

Where will they be on sale? At Schneidman, Iwanir, and Stock of Jerusalem, within the month, Avi promised.

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1 Subject at 3 m. seen in viewfinder normal mode.

2 Move the "tele" button and you see, and photograph, this.

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It's successful if it's Agfa!

Eat, drink and die young

By YACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter



Prof. Michael Oliver

board of experts appointed to advise the British Government on medical aspects of food policy some years ago. "Our report recommended a reduction of totally saturated (animal) fat in the country's diet, as our main proposal. This means, for those people who do not need to lose weight, a switch from animal to vegetable fats. I believe this is now generally accepted, but it is not good advice for those over 65 years old, because there is no evidence at all that cutting out animal fats will protect older people from heart disease."

He notes that a person's arterial system deteriorates with age, quite independently of diet. "So why deprive yourself of the pleasures of food, which may be one of the few you have in old age," he stressed. "Quite a lot of elderly people make themselves miserable by keeping to a diet that won't do any good for them. I am quite convinced that over the age of 60 you should not have your blood cholesterol measured, because it is by then no longer the cause of heart disease," he said.

For younger people who wish to avoid coronary attacks and heart disease, Dr. Oliver is certain that of all the preventive measures, stopping cigarette smoking is the most certain to help. "There are very good statistics to prove this," he said. It was also important to keep physically active, and he himself, a very trim and slim 51, cycles to work "whenever I can, though Edinburgh is quite hilly." He is a great advocate of cycling as opposed to driving to work, provided of course the road conditions are such that you're not more likely to be killed by mad drivers than by any disease.

Prof. Oliver is fairly pessimistic about the chances of getting middle-aged people to change their smoking, drinking, eating or physical ac-

tivity habits, even though it is now common knowledge that abuses of these encourage death from heart disease.

"It is to the teen-agers and those in their early 20's that we must put this across. They are the target at which health education needs to be directed." This was even more important in the case of high-risk families, where one or both parents have died from heart attack or have suffered an attack, before they were 50, and where the genetic component for coronary disease was almost certainly present.

"It should not be difficult," he commented, "to persuade such families to change their diets. The children will thus grow up without eating a lot of animal fat or smoking cigarettes, so they will get used to living without effort, with safer habits," he noted.

Prof. Oliver also warns that though coronary trouble is still viewed largely as a "male disease," women are in danger too, mainly because they now smoke too much.

In Britain, young women are already smoking proportionally more than men of their own age group. I confidently predict that we shall be seeing more heart attacks among women in their forties."

Recent British statistics show that the incidence of heart attacks in Scotland is three times higher than in south-east England, including London. He attributes this to the Scots being greater addicts to the bad habits of fat-eating, drinking

and smoking than the English, "and on top of this I believe the bad weather is another adverse environmental factor." Oddly enough, though none of the abuses except cigarette smoking has been shown to produce cancer, the statistics show that the incidence of lung cancer in Scotland is also exactly three times greater.

Contrary to widely held opinions Dr. Oliver has not found "much good evidence that tension and stress are a cause of heart disease, unless you are perpetually frustrated. But your reaction to stress may be a cause."

He noted that the popular "don't worry advice" is in fact "disastrous to a man with ambition. If you force such a man to give up his drive, you will kill him intellectually anyway."

He believes that "a man working happily for 14 hours a day is more likely to have a healthy heart than another who works only eight and is unhappy. If you are reasonably happy at your work, you are in no danger from stress or tension."

Finally Dr. Oliver commented that though he had no doubt about the genetic component in coronary trouble, the opposite was also true and there were people genetically unsuited to heart attack. "I refer to the Winston Churchill, who eat, drink and smoke and live to a ripe old age."

This is Dr. Oliver's second visit to Israel. He was here 10 years ago, on the behalf of the WHO to advise on the setting up of coronary care units. "I am glad to see now that you're running them much better than we are," he said. Dr. Egon Riss, of the Rambam Hospital who is his host, noted that it was Dr. Oliver who had made the introduction of coronary care units in Israel possible.

Fit, willing and able

By HADASSAH BAT HAIM



Sol Geey at work in the kibbutz house.

"AGE UNLIMITED" is the name of a club which brings volunteers from England to work on kibbutzim and does not bar old-age pensioners as long as they are fit, willing and able. The 75 year age-limit has now been scrapped.

The group was founded by Sol Geey of Liverpool, now on his eighth visit here since 1972. During the Yom Kippur War Sol pushed and bluffed his way on to a plane going to Israel. At the offices of the British Zionist Federation in Tel Aviv he was told there was no place for him anywhere. It was nice of him to come, but at the age of 65 he was too old to help.

Sol, however, had been waiting for 40 years to come to Israel and this kind of brush off had no effect. From early in the morning until the janitor threw him out in the evening he sat in the lobby of the BZF office. Eventually Ralph Hadani persuaded Kibbutz Amiad to give him a trial. His stubbornness rewarded, Sol worked at such a pace that the kibbutz didn't want to let him go.

A happy ending? Not quite. Sol's reports of his experience in the Liverpool press brought a flood of inquiries. In Tel Aviv, the BZF officials agreed, with some scepticism, to find accommodation for other over-age volunteers providing they had documentation of their own doctors' approval. They thought — according to Sol — that the two or three eccentrics who followed him would soon find the work too hard anyway and go back to where they came from.

At this moment there are more than 200 healthy, eager "non-youngsters" waiting in England for the green light. Their ages range from 42 and up. They embrace all professions and skills. Not all are Jews but all have in common a sincere commitment to the State of Israel and an honest desire to lend a hand. They are not busy. They will do anything and sleep anywhere.

Those who are in Israel at the moment are employed in plumbing, architecture, landscape gardening, garbage disposal and fruit picking. Some live in guest houses, some in huts and all are willing to sleep in tents if there is nothing else.

The ocean has no voice to plead for protection'

VISITORS' GALLERY: Dr. Joseph B. MacInnes

THE FIRST MAN to have dived under the ice cap of the North Pole had come to Eliat's Coral Beach and was enjoying the warm March sunshine on the Red Sea. He wrote a postcard to a diver friend in snowbound Canada: "Dear David, I have just discovered the place where every diver would want to draw his last gasp through a snorkel."

The writer, Dr. Joseph B. MacInnes, a Canadian scientist named Diver of the Year at the bi-annual International Divers' Conference held at Brighton last October, was on his first visit to Israel to take part in the international symposium on "Human and Animal Behaviour in the Sea," held earlier this month in Eliat.

It was in Brighton that Dr. MacInnes met Willie Halpert, founder and manager of Eliat's first diving centre, Aqua Sport, and Dr. Hans Frikke, the eminent German diving biologist, who has visited Eliat 18 or 20 times since 1969. It was also in Brighton that the idea of holding symposia on "Tomorrow's Oceans" all over the world was born, with the decision to hold the first one in Eliat.

Six months later, Dr. MacInnes is both overwhelmed by and anxious over what he has found in Eliat. "I have dived all over the world — in South America, Europe, the Arctic,

South Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific. I can honestly say that you have the most beautiful corner of the world's seas right here. In diversity and colour of the corals and ease of getting to them and your warm clear sea — you have a treasure trove.

"But," he added, "from what else I've seen here" and he nodded toward a super-tanker low in the water, which seemed to be passing by as though on cue. "If you don't protect it, you may not have it for long."

LOVE OF THE SEA induced Dr. MacInnes 12 years ago to use his physician's training for study of how man can live and work beneath the sea. In his early work in the U.S., he provided medical support for some of the deepest and longest manned dives ever undertaken.

In 1968, he formed a consulting firm, Undersea Research Ltd., in Toronto. He has held consulting contracts, among others, with the U.S. Navy, the Smithsonian Institute and the Canadian Government.

What has given him the most satisfaction, he says, is having worked with the Department of the Environment, a Canadian ministry formed in 1971, and having played an active role in the formation of Canada's national ocean policy, adopted in 1975.

Shallow film on McCarthy era

THE FRONT, (Studio, Tel Aviv). Directed by Martin Ritt. Starring Woody Allen, Zero Mostel, and Herschel Bernardi.

A FILM about the McCarthy era, that dark period in the history of the United States, could have been dramatic, filled with insight, touching, enthralling. Unfortunately, *The Front* has none of these qualities. Carelessly thrown in remarks following on the heels of "dramatic moments" destroy the movie.

Woody Allen is the "Front" of the title. He plays Howard Prince, a do-nothing cashier in a Manhattan bar whose writer friend has been fired from his television job because of previous Communist affiliation. The friend wants to keep on writing, using Howard's name instead of his own, with the profits split between them.

The arrangement works so well two other "blacklisted" writers join in and Howard becomes a famous television writer. Parallel with his rise to prominence is the demise of Hecky Brown (Zero Mostel) as host

never been involved in the movie and, considering Martin Ritt's weak direction, he probably does.

Mostel, Bernardi, Ritt and others in the cast were all victims of the McCarthy blacklist. Seeing their half-hearted efforts, one's disappointment at the shallowness of the movie is thus even greater. S.K.

Oxford Hebrew-study centre plans expansion

OXFORD (JTA). — The world's leading centre of Hebrew and Jewish studies outside Israel is planning a major expansion of its facilities and academic manpower. Dr. David Patterson, Principal of the Oxford Centre for Post-Graduate Hebrew Studies, says that he is trying to raise \$3m. to give the Centre a firm financial base like that enjoyed by the older colleges of Oxford University.

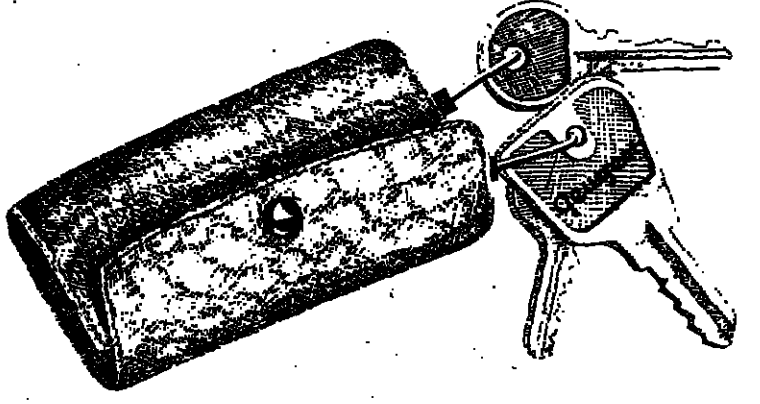
Housed in a handsome 17th century building, the Centre has been used by leading scholars since it was opened four and a half years ago. According to Dr. Patterson, they were attracted by its atmosphere of academic fellowship, its proximity to Oxford's ancient libraries, and by the Centre's own modern Jewish history archive acquired from a private collector in Israel.

However, although the Oxford Centre has been an initial success, it has done so without any full-time academic staff of its own. Dr. Patterson himself combines the work as principal with his full time post as the University's lecturer in Post-Biblical Hebrew.

The Centre now needs to appoint five full-time fellows in various aspects of higher Judaic studies. It also hopes to increase its annual junior fellowships from three to ten. Dr. Patterson, who is planning to visit the United States next month, claims that the Oxford Centre will be able to do with \$3m. what the new Harvard Centre of Judaic Studies is proposing to do with \$15m.

Among eminent scholars using the Oxford Centre this year are four Israeli professors — Abraham Malachuk and Menachem Stern, of Jerusalem, and Benjamin Krushovski and Daniel Capri of Tel Aviv. Prof. Mansoor, of Wisconsin University, is preparing a computerized index of research material in the Centre's Kressel Library. Other scholars from as far apart as Helsinki and Los Angeles will come here during the summer, when there will also be a five-day international conference on Jewish art.

Established under the aegis of Oxford University, the Centre has a distinguished panel of patrons headed by Sir Isaiah Berlin, Master of Wolfson College. Other members include the Bishop of Bristol, the chief Rabbi of Britain, and Lord Goodman, Master of University College, Oxford.



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Sweet smell of oil

AVIV. — The scent of oil, or the anticipation of oil discoveries, permeated the halls of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday as the balance of the equity market gathered steam and moved in a steady climb.

Once again the behaviour of the market is such that it has become a market of "individuals," each carrying its own story and on fact or rumour.

Unprecedented demand for ILI shares pushed their price up by 17 points to 295. The shares were marked as "very hot" and the price was as high as 300. The registered share price was 295, which was not described by any stretch of imagination as an oil share, but it was 100 percent oil.

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Selling insurance - the American way

By JOAN BOWSTEN
Special to The Jerusalem Post

Ever find yourself reading those catchy Goshen Insurance ads which appear regularly in the weekend Post? Like... "When Frank Steelberg came to us about two years ago he said there was a dark cloud over his home in Herzliya Pituah..."

The man writing them is Bob Elenko, a busy, fast-talking 40-year-old New Yorker, who came here in 1967 with a Hashomer Hatzair group. Elenko lived about two years ago in Kibbutz Galon, before heading for the city and eventually taking a job at TAHAL as chief of the electrical engineering department. He started selling insurance on the side "to make ends meet."

"The Yuvai Insurance came out with a new programme in 1969, giving higher discounts to safe drivers, I quit TAHAL," remembers Elenko. "I figured I could make good money by going after English-speaking newcomers, most of whom are safe drivers, make no claims, pay up their policies immediately without reminders, and like doing business in their native language."

"I began working out of my home, advertising once a month, mainly in The Jerusalem Post, and within six months I was making a good living. From the beginning I adopted the American style of selling insurance; there a client rarely sees his agent, and instead deals with him by phone or mail."

By 1972 Elenko was ready to open his own insurance company. "Working with Yuvai was nice, but I wanted to be more efficient — to issue policies immediately and pay off claims within 24 hours. I also wanted to base my tariff on more scientific criteria — I knew by that time, for instance, that a musician is a better risk than a lawyer, and a housewife with several years driving experience in the States the best risk of all."

Unfortunately, after the Yom Kippur War, most of Elenko's investors disappeared, so, backed by a long-term client, Eli Moshe, Elenko opened Goshen, a Yuvai agency that had the right to issue its own policies. Deal with its own claims, and take into consideration marital status and profession when accepting a policy holder. Instead of locating in downtown Tel Aviv, Elenko rented an apartment in Kiryat Ono, which is literally in the middle of the country.

The Goshen standard operating procedure is simple. A potential client calls or writes about automobile, home owners, fire, life or employer's liability insurance. Elenko sends him, by return mail, a mimeographed questionnaire. Based on the answers, Elenko decides whether or not the applicant is a good risk. If he is, a free estimate is immediately sent out — inevitably lower than anyone else's, sometimes by as much as IL500-IL700 on car insurance.

The applicant has 30 days to accept and send in the first third of his premium. Everyone pays up within a few months. In return, Goshen settles its claims as quickly as feasible.

"We get to know our clients pretty well, even if we never meet them," says Elenko. "Some, it's a pleasure to work for. Others, you're certain from the beginning that they will make life miserable for you and you wonder why you bother."

A full 98 per cent of Goshen clients renew annually. Elenko chalks this up to efficiency and good service. He has invested a considerable amount of time and money in developing an accounting system which balances to the penny, and has had it computerized at Moshav Neve Ilan. Ten days after the end of each month he knows exactly where his agency stands financially.

Goshen has also computerized its policies, which are very easy to read, and printed in English. Policies are handwritten for the 20



Bob Elenko checking damaged car (Mizman)

Scientific articles best way of touting our skills

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israelis are neglecting one of the best methods of creating an image abroad for their highly sophisticated products — such as pharmaceuticals, electronic components, and fine chemicals — by not writing scientific and technical articles for the vast number of specialist publications published abroad.

The readers of these magazines are often buyers looking for new products of high quality at competitive prices. More often than not they are engineers, themselves active in research and development in plants, whose recommendations often can sway opinion from one product to another.

Commercial advertising has much less impact on the buyers, since the purpose of advertising is to stress the good points of a product, and bypass the bad points. And even if this is not the case, the product is often purchased not on its merit, but on the skill of an advertising agency to catch and hold public attention.

The engineers read the scientific and technical articles, and base their recommendations upon these.

A fund or an institute to convince Israelis to write such articles should be established. (The idea was broached in Israel some five years ago by Andrew Jonai, head of the branch of industrial electronics and electric components in the Company for Fairs and Exhibitions; nothing has been done since then.)

The fund (or institute) should train engineers not only to write such articles, but to see that they are translated into half a dozen European languages, and into Japanese, and see that the translations are technically accurate.

It should also pay the engineers for their time and efforts, since many of the foreign publications pay only in "prestige", although some do pay a moderate fee.

Several hundred reprints of each printed article should also be distributed by the Israel plant concerned to all potential buyers, since they constitute a most convincing advertisement.

Plastics plants may close because owners tired of losing money

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The works committee of the Ortal-Ortel plastic sheets plants at Tirat Carmel "will fight" to prevent their closure. The closure of the plants, which employ about 85, has been mooted by their European owners because "the plants are no longer viable," The Jerusalem Post was told yesterday.

A representative of the investors, who put "millions of pounds" into the two plants which opened nine and three years ago, respectively, said they were losing money. In view of the country's economic condition the outlook for improvement was poor, he added. The plants have a turnover of IL12m.

The spokesman for the investors said that profitability had declined because the higher costs of the imported petrochemically based raw materials had reduced the added value of production to almost nothing. Also, due to inflation and high cost of capital in Israel, it would now be "very hard" to compete with similar products in Europe, he said.

The Commerce Ministry's policy on import duties now makes it more profitable for importers to buy finished products abroad rather than purchasing the plant's sheets here and processing them.

Finally, he said that the amount of "reject" products at the plants which had to be discarded because of poor quality was nearly ten times higher, at 15 to 18 per cent, than the usual 1.5 per cent abroad.

The spokesman also pointed out that the plants were losing money. In view of the country's economic condition the outlook for improvement was poor, he added. The plants have a turnover of IL12m.

Land prices linked

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In its last session on Wednesday, the Knesset passed in the second and third reading a private bill by MK Moshe Nisim (Likud), according to which the indemnities for land expropriated by the government will be linked to the consumer price index.

The new law stipulates that if title to land is acquired by the acquisition law, excepting expropriations for the building of roads and railways, the indemnity payable to the original owner will be linked to the index and carry four per cent unlinked interest.

Most active issues

Delek (r)	295-17	IL1,503,500
Bank Leumi	305-0.5	IL790,200
ILIC (opt. no. 5)	54.50-0.5	IL171,400
Shares traded:		IL37.5m.
Variables:		IL11.7m.
Bonds:		IL14.3m.
Netat:		IL11.0m.c.
Demand:		IL30,000
Turnover:		\$225,000

ILAR-LINKED	114.77	54.37
SEVENTURES		
Dead Sea	488	474
Dead Sea Junior	282	275
Electric Corp. B.	380	380

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IL LINKED	124.5	127
Capital and Interest		
Corp. 1985 (1)	749	751
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1988 (1)	245	245
1989 (1)	325.5	325.5
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Inflation fears cast shadow

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market declined steadily yesterday, blue chip issues leading the losses.

The Dow Jones average of 30 blue chip issues fell 1.58 points to 1,147.44.

The market was down eight points half an hour before the close. Losers held a three to two lead over gainers among New York Stock Exchange-listed issues.

Gen. Motors	28 1/2	28 1/2
IBM	164 1/2	164 1/2
AT&T	54 1/2	54 1/2
Am. Express	44 1/2	44 1/2
Am. Oil	44 1/2	44 1/2
Am. Tel.	44 1/2	44 1/2
Am. Elec.	44 1/2	44 1/2
Am. Gas	44 1/2	44 1/2
Am. Water	44 1/2	44 1/2
Am. Sugar	44 1/2	44 1/2
Am. Tobacco	44 1/2	44 1/2
Am. Paper	44 1/2	44 1/2
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Defeat for Indira Gandhi

THERE HAS FOR LONG been a suspicion that democracy in India was only skin deep, involving only upper crust urban intellectuals and middle-class professionals. The hundreds of millions of peasants huddled in India's villages, so the argument went, were too benighted to understand anything so sophisticated as the workings of a democratic system.

The argument seemed to be buttressed by the apparent absence of widespread opposition to the quasi-dictatorial emergency regime decreed by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi 22 months ago. This week, however, it was effectively demolished in the elections to the Lok Sabha, India's lower house of parliament.

Acting through the ballot box, the Indian people forced Mrs. Gandhi out of parliament, put an end to the crown prince's ambitions of her son Sanjay, and unseated the hoary Congress Party which had ruled the country for 30 years. Democracy does live in India, after all—even though it evidently remains dead in neighbouring Pakistan, where it was given a very dubious try in a recent show of national elections.

The vote against Mrs. Gandhi and the Congress Party clearly indicates a major shift in Indian politics. The decisiveness of the upset is shown in the fact that Mrs. Gandhi, her son, and a number of her leading ministers, all went down to ignominious defeat in their home constituencies.

The cumulative resentment against prolonged rule by the Congress Party appears to have been galvanized by popular abhorrence of the excesses of the emergency regime installed by Mrs. Gandhi—ostensibly to speed India on the way to modernization and away from imminent collapse, but in fact mainly to shore up her own rule.

One factor which played a major role in building up opposition to Mrs. Gandhi's rule was the strong-arm policy used in attempting to implement the mass sterilization programme. Perhaps even more than the issue of press censorship, and the suspension of parliamentary rule, this violation of human rights brought home to the Indian masses the difference between a muddling but humane democracy and an efficient but inhuman autocracy.

While the cause of Indian democracy would thus seem to have been vindicated by the election results, the basic problems which have beset India during its first generation of independence will not disappear with the installation of the new Janata Party government.

The recently formed Janata is as unlikely a coalition of divergent interests as has ever been called to rule any country—let alone a country which happens to be the second most populous in the world.

It is obvious that Janata was driven by the single-minded determination to kick Mrs. Gandhi out of office and to put an end to domination by the Congress Party. It is still to be seen whether this oppositionary consensus will provide sufficient binding force for a ruling party that must now begin to grapple with India's enormous problems.

The Janata's titular leader and apparent Prime Minister designate is 81-year-old Morarji Desai, the former Deputy Prime Minister who was jailed by Mrs. Gandhi. Inevitably, the party's first order of business will be to select a forceful younger leadership capable of leading a deeply troubled country.

Tribute to Motta Gur

THE CABINET'S decision on Sunday to extend Rav Aluf Mordechai Gur's term as Chief of Staff for a fourth—and last—year, did not come as a surprise.

It has been Rav Aluf Gur's task to oversee the rehabilitation of an army left in disarray after the Yom Kippur War. When he took over, the army's ranks were short of many brave officers and men who had given their lives in battle. The army's reputation had suffered as a result of the poor generalship of some of its top commanders.

It was necessary to train a whole new generation of military leaders. New equipment had to be produced and purchased to make up for war losses, and to help maintain the balance of power with the hostile Arab neighbours. Finally, the growing politicization of the army's upper echelons had to be stopped.

Rav Aluf Gur also faced some personal difficulties on assuming his post. He came to it as a graduate of the paratroops, and, despite his fine record in the field, was thought by fellow senior officers to be unknowledgeable in the use and deployment of armour—a force which had become the army's backbone. Besides, he was considered something of an outsider, having spent the years immediately prior to his appointment—including the period of the Yom Kippur War—in Washington, as Israel's military attaché.

But what others viewed as weaknesses turned out to be the sources of Gur's strength. He was not party to the exchange of charges and counter-charges, and to the attributions and denials of blame for the army's performance, which followed the conclusion of the war; and his years in Washington proved to have been an excellent preparation for both the delicate arms procurement talks he had to guide, and for the three interim agreements he had to help negotiate during his first years in office.

The Chief of Staff deserves credit for having brought a dash of daring to a general command which some feared was beginning to ossify. There can be no doubt that the Entebbe raid, for example, bore to no small degree Gur's personal stamp, having been typical of the kind of action he had led during his service with the paratroops.

Motta Gur has headed Israel's armed forces at a time marked largely by the diplomatic process. This, it is well to remember, would never have gone very far—or in any case, not the way it did—without Zahal's demonstrable strength.

Peace and the West Bank

I CAN RECALL one exception only to what seems to be the universal rule—that hardly a responsible statesman anywhere, outside Israel, believes that Israel could or should hold on to the West Bank indefinitely.

This was in Africa, just over five years ago, well before the Yom Kippur War, and well before most of the Arab states, wily-wily, broke off their diplomatic relations with Israel. One of that continent's most distinguished leaders then expressed himself as follows:

"We all live on myths. They are the strongest force in our thought and action. You Israelis have your Zionist myth. This is where your roots lie; this is your true strength. We Africans also have our myths—they govern our lives, they are our truth. One of these myths insists on the indivisibility and intangibility of African soil."

"We can never reconcile ourselves to non-Africans holding any part of the territory of Africa. Sinai belongs to Egypt, and Egypt is an African nation. As far as I am concerned, you can do what you like with the West Bank, and you can stay there as long as you like. It is of no interest to us. But we can never accept your presence in Sinai, and if you want really warm relations with Africa, you will have to move out of there."

THIS WAS a very special point of view, and it is not certain whether all other African leaders shared it. On the whole, Africans have been as vocal as everyone else in claiming that there can be no peace between Israel and the Arab world as long as Israel remains on the West Bank.

At the same time, no one can assert the converse, namely, that if Israel moves out of the West Bank, there will be peace. This, of course, is precisely where Israel's difficulty resides. Her policy has been all along that withdrawal from the West Bank could become practical politics only within the framework of a peace agreement.

Israel was very careful not to annex the West Bank in 1967, and the successive Eshkol, Meir and Rabin Governments since then never at

The West Bank's true value for Israel, says **WALTER EYTAN**, is as a lever for the building of peace; but it is utterly illusory to expect world support for Israel's retention of the area in conditions of peace.

any time pursued annexationist policies. It was always understood that the West Bank was Israel's most precious pledge for peace. Nobody has ever believed seriously that Israel could have both the West Bank and peace, even though some simply not believing in any possibility of peace, may have preferred (and may still prefer) holding on to the West Bank. The West Bank, at least, is something substantial, while peace, elusive always, has seemed to this school illusory at best.

ALL THIS, however, does not explain the headline, "Disappointment in Jerusalem," which topped the front page of one of our newspapers on the day after Mr. Rabin's visit to Washington.

How can anyone have been "disappointed" at President Carter's insistence (this is not too strong a word) that Israel's political frontiers would, apart from slight adjustments, have to be what they were before the Six Day War? No U.S. President has ever, officially, said anything else.

Nor, with perhaps an exception here and there, has the head of any other Government in the world. To be disappointed at President Carter's statement can only mean that previously there must have been illusions—but surely for such illusions there never was any ground.

It is time the Israeli public realized that nowhere in the world is there any significant support for our remaining on the West Bank, and

that no information effort on our part, however energetic and sustained, is likely to whip up such support to any appreciable extent. One can, of course, take the line that this is our business and not the rest of the world's—but if any line is doomed to be counter-productive, it is this. It may suit Gush Emunim and sections of the Likud, but it is not realistic and it is not enough.

IF A REFERENDUM were held in Israel on the simple question: "Are you ready to give up the West Bank?" I have no doubt that the answer would be overwhelmingly No. But if the Israeli voter were asked if he agreed to withdrawal from the West Bank in return for a true and lasting peace, the answer would be at least as overwhelmingly Yes.

The borders laid down in the armistice agreements (and which remained unchanged till 1967) were regarded at the time as an historic achievement—and let us not forget that these agreements predated "the return of permanent peace."

The Government has refused consistently to "draw maps" (or anyway to publish such maps as presumably have been drawn), and in this it has undoubtedly been right. There are a great many modifications, some of them quite unexpected, that can be agreed upon in the course of negotiation; and there is no point in making either minimal or maximal claims known in advance. But it should be stated quite bluntly—and explained to the electorate—that Israel deliberately never annexed the West Bank (that is, has never claimed it as her own), and is not thinking of annexing it now. And it should be stated equally bluntly that peace is more important than the West Bank.

Peace, within the security borders whose necessity even President Carter admits, is Israel's absolute first priority—and it is as the essential lever for the building of this peace that the West Bank has its true value for us. If this sounds like a myth, perhaps that African president was right? If it comes true, what ground will there be for "disappointment?"

Fewer Russians, more anti-Semitism

SEVEN YEARS ago, Professor Zigmund Brzezinski wrote that "the Russians represent one of the several successful imperial nations in our contemporary history...and haven't lost that talent." When he made this statement, Prof. Brzezinski apparently did not have the figures of the last population census in the USSR, which was taken in 1970 and indicated that the idea of Russia as a successful imperial nation was losing its necessary demographic base.

It revealed that 47 per cent of the present Soviet population are not Russians and the rate of growth of the non-Russian part of the population is much higher than that of the Russian. For example, the population in Central Asia has doubled in the last 10 years; if this trend continues, the Russians will very soon lose their dominant position in the USSR.

A French ethnographer, Helene Carriere d'Encausse, stated in *Le Monde* a fortnight ago that "the population growth in the national groups in the USSR threatens to disturb the political equilibrium there." She predicted an increase in tension against the Soviet "minorities" will not be satisfied with their subordinate position; they will become more aware of their growing strength, and the Russian government will probably react against these pressures by increasing the centralization of authority. A vicious circle will be created and it will lead to disastrous consequences.

Another French Sovietologist, Alain Besancon, wrote in 1970 that "the Russians are a fatigued and aging nation in a state of demographic stagnation. Moreover, inside the USSR their relative influence is diminishing in spite of the intensive russification campaign."

BEFORE EXAMINING the consequences of this development, it is necessary to understand its causes. The Russians have suffered more than any other Soviet nation from the Soviet regime. World War I, the Civil War, the Red Terror, and the emigration of two million from Soviet Russia added to the Slavic and especially the Russian sections of the population.

Another blow for the Russians was the policy of "collectivization." Stalin himself told Churchill privately that during the campaign to introduce it, 10 million peasants were killed.

In addition to the indiscriminate terror which was applied to all the Soviet nations during the Great Famine, the Slavic groups suffered even more during World War II. Apart from the usual military losses, there was also the total extermination of the massive Russian army led by General Vlasov, which fought on the German side, and the subsequent killing of millions of mainly Slavic POWs German and Soviet concentration camps (since the Soviet regime didn't consider them as released prisoners but as traitors).

After the war, the Russians became the main source of manpower for physical labour in the country, because the national minorities preferred to work in agriculture and in the services.

ALL THE SOVIET nationalities suf-

The Russians are rapidly becoming a minority in the Soviet Union. This, suggests **MIKHAIL AGURSKY**, may cause them to adopt a policy of isolationism, which will be increasingly repressive—and anti-Semitic.

fered from Stalinism. But the Russians, who were oriented towards creating the Soviet nation by the absorption of others, found it difficult to progress; the other national groups (with the exception of the Jews) preserved and strengthened their institutions. Thus Russian domination only weakened the Russians as a nation.

So now we have the results—a fall in the Russian population and the attendant trauma.

Helene Carriere d'Encausse believes that the central government will increase its pressure on the republics, and will only succeed in provoking greater resistance to its authority.

This could indeed happen. But there is another possibility—a Russian national reaction against the system which has placed them in such an unenviable situation. The temptation might exist to reverse the development in such a way as to save the Russians from further disaster. This could manifest as a new isolationism, since any additional expansion would be very harmful for the Russians.

If the Russians are losing their dominant position in the USSR itself, any new acquisitions which would require a Soviet military presence would only result in a dispersal of Russians, since non-Russians are not reliable to police such an adventure. And an expansionist reaction would not be realistic, since it needs an appropriate demographic base.

ONE CAN BE SURE that the new Russian isolationism will not be accompanied by greater liberalism. It will be totalitarian and anti-Semitic. In fact, it already is.

POSTSCRIPTS

IT WILL BE interesting to see what response there will be to the new Institute for Statesmanship and Torah Philosophy to open in Jerusalem next autumn.

Two Bar Ilan University professors—Prof. Paul Elieberg and Prof. Joseph Levinson—believe that the Torah can help to understand political problems and they are the moving spirits behind the new Institute. Prof. Elieberg points out that in the 18th century, statesmanship and religion were taught at America's leading universities. "But in our days, departments of political science are multiplying at the universities while the quality of statesmanship all over the world is declining."

In addition to research into the application of Torah principles to foreign policy, the Institute will provide a one-year graduate programme for Israeli and

American students emphasizing mutual problems of the two countries.

"When Israeli statesmen address the U.S. congress, they do a better job than a lot of other foreign visitors," comments Prof. Elieberg. "But that isn't good enough for Israel in its struggle. An Israeli must be able to put this country's case across in a way which will take American interests into consideration too." Prof. Elieberg is a new clerk from the U.S.

Registration of Israeli students is to begin soon. So far 12 American students have registered for the course which will cost them \$800. The Institute is a private, non-profit non-party body raising its funds abroad. Fund-raising success will determine the number of pupils and the cost of the course for Israeli students.

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READERS' LETTERS

OPERATION RECOGNITION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have just returned from Geneva. I was invited there by the officials of the International Committee of the Red Cross to discuss our mutual interest with regard to Magen David Adom recognition. As you know, Operation Recognition has undertaken the task of bringing this important matter to the world stage.

Because I am convinced of the sincerity of the officials of the ICRC in trying to find a solution to this dreadful dilemma, I am calling upon all fair-minded citizens all over the world to join with us in letting Geneva know how much this issue means to them. They should send letters of protest about the non-recognition of Magen David Adom to Mr. Alexander Hay, President, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland.

RABBI RUBIN E. DORIN
International Chairman,
Operation Recognition
New York.

NEED FOR SPIRITUAL ADVISER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Had our Prime Minister, in addition to his political advisers, also taken a spiritual adviser along on his trip to the United States, e.g. Chief Rabbi Goren, the latter could have explained better than anyone that our claim to the land of our forefathers is based on the God-given promise to Abraham and his descendants.

And who would have understood better than the deeply religious President Carter the moral implications of such a statement? This might have prevented President Carter's declaration on the "minor" rectifications of the pre-1967 borders.

JOSEPH CHTER
Ramat Gan.

TELEPHONE GONE BERSERK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am an old and ill man living in a humble Mishan in Jerusalem. Because of my ill health the telephone is a necessity and of my conversations are one or calls a day to my younger sister in Jerusalem. The number of my calls during 1974 and 1975 was less than 100 for a two-month period with one exception in July-August 1975 when it was 158.

This situation changed suddenly in 1976, as follows: January-February: 159 calls; March-April: 196; May-June: 223; July-August: 184; September-October: 256; November-December: 487. On January 27, I wrote to the Ministry of Communications asking them to check my account, but I received no reply so far.

DEVIDA GINEBU
Jerusalem.

The Ministry of Communications replies:

Although we registered technical defect which might have caused the meter to malfunction, decided, even before Mrs. Ginebu sent her complaint, to make an exception and credit her with 234 calls. **E. MIZROTHY, Spokesman**
Jerusalem.

DANISH INTERIOR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read with interest Mr. Meisels' article "Fiddling Fumblers" in your Magazine of March 11.

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Manager, Jewish Danish Inter.
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